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## Frost Fest smiles

Haliburton Frost Festival ambassador Linda Heeps shares a laugh about her ceremonial coat at the Frost Fest pancake breakfast (run by the Haliburton and District Lions Club) during the morning of Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Legion in Haliburton. Heeps had reason to smile, as she also celebrated her 45th anniversary with husband Bob that day. More photos on page 10.

**Darren Lum**  
Staff

## Landowners dispute reserve rules

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

A new document from the Ministry of Natural Resources has landowners in the Clear Lake Conservation Reserve concerned that the way they've traditionally used the land will no longer be permitted.

The "preliminary management statement" released earlier this month outlines rules for the reserve (along with Dawson Ponds and Plastic Lake Conservation Reserve) including restric-

tions on trail maintenance and boat caching, which raised the ire of some property owners who say those activities are integral to their enjoyment of the land.

At an open house meeting held by the MNR at the Stanhope Firefighters' Hall Feb. 16, a small number of people came to air frustrations over not only the management statement, but also the limited amount of time given for feedback and what they called poor communication by the ministry to adjacent landowners.

Most at the event weren't told about the document and said the ministry should have sent

property owners a letter in the mail. They said this lack of notice and the date of the open house - held in the middle of the week in the winter - reduced the number of people attending and giving feedback.

The Clear Lake reserve is right on the boundary of Dysart and Algonquin Highlands and is bordered by Kennisis Lake, Red Pine Lake, Big Hawk Lake and Little Hawk Lake. It became a protected reserve in 1997.

Peter Hewitt, one of the more vocal

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# Haliburton County Echo nominated for five awards

The Ontario Community Newspaper Association has nominated the *Haliburton Echo* for five awards.

The association released the nominees' list Feb. 14, which included the *Echo* in the categories of general excellence, rural reporting, education writing, humour columnist and feature writing.

The nomination means the paper placed first, second or third in each of the above categories.

The placement will be revealed at an awards ceremony in Toronto on April 27.

The *Echo's* sister paper, the *Minden Times*, was nominated for general excellence and environmental reporting.

## Come to meeting on mountain bike trails

Mountain bikers who want to help develop a system of bike trails based in Glebe Park should attend the inaugural club meeting Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. in room 11 at Fleming College.

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## Boat caches, trail usage among issues

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attendees last week, said he wanted to be included in the early stages of the management plan, rather than be asked to comment on one that was already complete.

"It's too late to start massaging this document when we don't know why you did it," he told ministry representative Mike Turner.

Hewitt is particularly upset with a portion of the statement that disallows trail grooming.

Only a few years ago, the MNR had allowed grooming, but during the last two, no permissions have come forward, limiting the number of people who can use the trails.

For another landowner, Robert Lee, the rules are preventing him from upgrading his four cottages to include hydro, something he believes should be his right.

"We just want to have power," said Lee, who owns the properties with his wife Elaine.

The land has been in Elaine's family for five generations. So far, they have been running their fridge and stove with propane, but Lee thought that was dangerous.

He was also concerned about limitations on cached boats on Clear Lake.

The MNR statement wants to eliminate all boats stored on the lake other than those belonging to the lake's property owners.

According to the management statement, "public boat caches result in extra fishing pressure ... [and] can also jeopardize the feeling of remoteness."

It goes on to say: "Caching of boats by the Clear Lake property owners have resulted in multiple boats being cached at access points, creating crowding as well as aesthetic issues for other users."

Several at the meeting, including Lee, said the lake was often used to access their properties and move around the reserve, requiring a cached vessel.

They also took issue with rules dictating that ATVs can only be used on certain marked routes, while other long-existing trails are not shown on any of the ministry's maps.

Peter's brother, Larry Hewitt, pointed out many former logging routes that were left off of the ministry map that he says are still used to this day by users of the reserve.

A group calling itself the Friends of the Clear Lake Conservation Area Heritage Trails Association has emerged issuing concerns about the management statement to the media and potential supporters.

They have outlined three demands to the ministry: recall the statement; eliminate the 45-day consultation period in favour of more time; and require ministry staff to negoti-



Jenn Watt Staff

MNR representative Mike Turner, left, answers questions from Peter Hewitt at an open house meeting at the Stanhope Firefighters' Hall Feb. 16.

ate fair terms with local stakeholders including allowing groomers back on the trails.

From the ministry's standpoint, not much has actually changed between the original rules that have governed the reserve since 1997 and this new document.

"There isn't anything new that we're restricting," Turner said. "We've tightened up the language ... but a lot of stuff is all the same."

However, he said the consultation period will allow for the ministry to look at users' needs and concerns and bring back changes to regulations.

"They're voicing their opinions and we're glad to hear it," he said.

Robert Lee said he hoped the ministry would listen to landowners' concerns, balancing the land use reality with conservation principles.

"We love the remoteness of the cottage ... but we also have to be practical," he said.

"It is a reserve, but it's not undisturbed."

Other changes introduced at the meeting include adding a new portion to the north end of the reserve, including the lake beds in reserve jurisdiction as well as the shoreline allowances.

Peter Hewitt intends to have a meeting for concerned citizens March 10 at 10 a.m. at the West Guilford Recreation Centre.

Feedback will be accepted until March 26 and information can be obtained by calling Turner at 705-286-5216.

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## Local shopping to be supported with BIA funding

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

*The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Feb. 13 annual general meeting of the Haliburton Business Improvement Area.*

The BIA has allocated more money this year to Christmas local shopping promotions to boost sales.

The budget passed at the AGM shows \$2,500 for “new promotions,” earmarked to enhance business in Haliburton’s downtown core.

“One of the things we were thinking about was a men’s shopping night out just before Christmas,” said BIA president and owner of The Photo Shop, Luke Schell.

In 2011, the organization put money into a “shop local” advertising campaign, but felt they needed to step up plans even more in the coming year.

“This year was really slack. If we want people to stay around, we need to give them something,” said JanKnit’s Studio owner Janet Sheehy.

The BIA plans to spend \$3,500 on the Santa Claus Parade and Winter Warm-Up events in 2012.

“I think the main thing for the BIA is we decided we’d like it to be on the main street, which means some people might define that as being a smaller event,” Schell said.

Previously, events had been held in Head Lake Park as well as Highland Street.

There will also be a smaller budget this year as the grant money from Celebrate Ontario was one-year only.

The budget is \$6,000 with an anticipated \$8,000 in sponsorships. Last year, the BIA was able to garner more than \$14,000 in sponsorships for the street festival.

A special Colourfest committee will be struck to plan the event for this year, and membership will include someone from the Haliburton County Studio Tour, which shares the same weekend.

“We’d like to do as much as we can to support the studio tour; that’s an incredibly important part of our community,” Schell said.

“We were really disappointed that some people felt we were hurting the studio tour. Definitely not our intention. We want nothing but to help it, obviously,” he said.

Schell noted how well received the event was last year and credited Jerelyn Craden for her work organizing it.



**Jenn Watt Staff**

BIA administrator Rosemarie Jung chats with Pamela Marsales following the annual general meeting at Dysart council chambers in Haliburton on Feb. 13. The meeting included a presentation on the streetscape construction as well as the health of downtown business.

### Expansion still on the table

Talk of expanding the BIA to include more businesses has been quiet, but plans are still in the works, Schell told the group.

“We want everyone on board,” he said, so they are taking their time to do it right.

The municipality has requested that the BIA get written approval from all businesses in the proposed expansion area, which means more visits for the executive members.

The deadline to bring those documents to council is June of this year.

While the organization currently represents the downtown core, the proposal is to take it to Pine Avenue in the east, Gelert Road in the west, Sunnyside Street in the north and Mountain Street to the south.

### Colourfest to be centralized on Highland Street

The BIA plans to tweak the fall’s Colourfest celebrations this year to focus on Highland Street and to include more people in planning.

### Hard economy hurting downtown

Empty storefronts are a troubling sight for neighbouring businesses, though there was little anyone at the AGM could fathom to do about it.

“The decrease in these businesses is affecting all of us. Nobody’s going to want to come to town the less retail that’s out there,” Sheehy said.

Her business, JanKnit’s, sits next to the empty 212 Fine Foods, just down the street from Henwood’s convenience store, which is also vacant.

Former BIA administrator and bed and breakfast owner Jim Frost had a positive take on the economy.

“I think you’ll find that all small towns go through a transition periods like we are at this present time. I think you’ll find when the streetscape is finished, all of a sudden, this town will be revitalized,” he said.

“2013 will be an entirely new ball game and I think you’ll find as the economy gradually improves, which it’s slated to ... in 2013/2014, this town will be revitalized and people will be clamoring to open a business in here. I think you’ve got to ride through 12 or 14 months of difficult times when the town does not look its best,” he said.

In the meantime, promotions run by the BIA could bridge tough patches.

Local realtor Peter Brady of Trophy Property Corp. noted that his two condominium projects would be bringing a total of 54 families into the downtown.

“Granite Cove is going to be filling up this fall with 30 new families and they’re all going to be walking distance to all of the shops and all of the main street and if you think that’s not going to change the dynamic of town, next year, Granite View condominiums are going to have 24 new families on Mountain Street, also within walking distance,” he said.

Schell noted that there was a project ongoing to locate artists in the downtown, which could also fill up storefronts.

“That’s what we’d all hope for,” he said.

### Elections held

One new director was added to the BIA executive: Haliburton Foodland’s Brad Park.

Park will join the current board (all re-elected members from 2011), Luke Schell, Nelly Ashworth, Ray Langdon, Renzo Rosati, Andy Glecoff and Karen Frybort.

Leaving the board this year are Melinda O’Mara and Tim DeGeer.

There is one spot remaining on the executive.



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# Council releases budget draft

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

*The following are briefs from the Dysart council meeting on Monday, Feb. 13.*

Dysart township is leaving taxpayers with high expectations, after it released the first draft of this year's budget.

Treasurer Barbara Swannell said in a report that "although the budget is balanced, consideration must be given to various proposals. No increases have been applied to the municipal tax levy."

With a preliminary budget, there are a few figures still to come such as staff wages and benefits, including the provincial education tax rates and the county tax rate.

A large part of the roads department budget shortfall of \$196,567 for 2012 lies with the \$187,125 expense for the Park Street repair of the sidewalk and the retaining wall.

Councillors questioned who is responsible for the full sum since some of the damage can be attributed to heavy machinery used for the Granite Cove development construction.

Municipal planner Pat Martin is investigating.

Council will meet two, possibly three, more times to discuss the budget, which is not finalized.

## Roads doing its best

The roads department was busy at work early this year.

"It's been a weird winter," director of public works Brian Nicholson said.

In January, the department was either plowing or sanding. When there was spare time it was dedicated to snow removal from the downtown core. Although there were complaints regarding main street snow removal, Nicholson defended his crew.

"Snow cones were removed within 48 hours at the end of that storm ... unfortunately we can't melt it as it thaws," he said.

Councillor Walt McKechnie asked Nicholson about keeping constant communication and what he could tell his constituents with concerns for roadway work.

Nicholson said his team is doing its best within the time and resources they have.

"It is what it is. We can only do so much with what we have," he said, adding potholes will get priority over any road surface damage.

If all the roads were gravel, life would be far simpler, he said. However, with hard-top there are more costs and time involved regarding repairs.

"We're out there doing the best we can," he said, adding for all the concerns expectations need to be realistic.

A grader was involved in an accident with an SUV at Jim Beef Lake Road and Hwy. 118 on Jan. 6. The grader remains in the garage, suffering \$18,000 in damage. The municipality, which was found not at fault, has its insurance company currently seeking the \$10,000 deductible from the other driver's insurance company.

In the meantime the county grader has been made available to the municipality.

## Arena added value

Discussions surrounding the Dysart Community Centre, which is now being actively

promoted as a multi-purpose facility that includes a meeting area/party room/space in addition to the ice pad, alerted council to more ways to generate additional revenue.

Rental rate increases were considered. McKechnie, as he did last year, suggested a rental rates increase for adult hockey tournaments in order to keep rates static for youth/children activities, including minor hockey and figure skating.

"Tournaments, these guys will pay extra tournaments. It's a weekend. It's a party. These guys ... are not worried about \$20 bucks," he said.

Council stated an interest in offering competitive rates compared to other municipalities.

They added a lot of the credit for the overall improvement of the community centre should go to municipal worker, Ray Miscio, who has exhibited "personal pride" in the facility.

## Good start for building

Building permits this past January are slightly better than last year, but well short of figures from 2010. With six permits valued at \$718,000, the municipality showed slight growth compared to last year with five permits valued \$266,000 from the year before. However there were 10 permits valued at \$2,591,000 in 2010.

## Out with the old in with the new

The municipality has agreed to purchase five pay and display (parking lot machine)

units at a total cost of \$40,500.

They will replace the aging parking meters that line Highland Street. Council decided against the solar powered units in favour of the hard-wired units for better reliability.

## Waste day

This year, like other years, the municipality is offering two household hazardous waste days. The first one is held at the Haliburton landfill from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4 and the second at the Harcourt landfill from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 18.

## Getting tourists to hit streets

The Friends of the Rail Trail (FoRT) is creating an integrated plan for a Village Pathways Network, which will unite the separate pathways throughout Haliburton into one "seamless, attractive network."

This is in celebration of the FoRT's fifth anniversary and the International Year of the Co-op.

Pamela Marsales of FoRT said the objectives of this project align with the Dysart official plan and the active transportation plan, 2009.

She asked council to write a letter of support for presentation to the Haliburton County Development Corporation local initiatives program, including support in the form of providing meeting areas/places, photocopying and administrative assistance. Council will write the letter and offer help where needed to FoRT.

## Spread a little love

One-year-old Annika Gervais reaches for a balloon she bought with her dad, Michael Gervais, for her mother at the Country Rose Garden Centre in Haliburton on Valentine's Day.



**Darren Lum Staff**

Joanne Nichols of Country Rose Garden Centre arranges a bouquet for a customer on Valentine's Day at the Haliburton retail store. This is the busiest single day of business for them. Canadian flower sales for Valentine's Day exceed a billion dollars.



# Businesses told to embrace streetscape

Jenn Watt  
Editor

It's in everyone's best interest to keep positive about streetscape construction in Haliburton, Dysart's public works director told business owners last week.

The worst is yet to come, Brian Nicholson said, including ripped up sidewalks and curbs, but that's no reason to be grumpy.

"Your positive attitude as retailers is going to go a long way to that person who comes in because they've got their shoes muddy, or whatever. It is going to be a construction zone. It is reality," Nicholson said at the Business Improvement Area's annual general meeting Feb. 13.

"Your floors are going to get dirty, but if you can spin that negative attitude into something positive - [for example, by saying,] 'I'd really like to see you come back when this is finished, because you're going to be impressed with what you see' - your positive attitude is going to go a million miles to not only making this project successful, but to having customers that are

really happy and anxious to coming back," he said.

Nicholson gave a 40-minute presentation to the group about the progress of the project, which is being conducted in spurts from now until the summer and resuming in the fall.

He highlighted some of the business-friendly features, including special posts that will allow for the BIA's flower baskets to be hung, banner space for promotions and special events at both the cenotaph and CIBC corners of Highland Street, and benches.

This is the second part of the streetscape, which started on York Street and is now underway on Highland Street.

The approximately \$3 million project (including both streets) will see hydro and phone lines buried, interlocking brick alongside sidewalks and new light standards.

Nicholson acknowledged that the timing wasn't the best to be spending on aesthetics, but the grant money came in at the same time as Hydro One was planning to deal with existing issues with the poles on

the street.

"I don't know if there's ever a good time for doing this, but as I've been saying to people, from a municipal perspective, the stars aligned," he said.

"Hydro happened along and were willing to do this with very little cost to the municipality. Bell came on board, where we pay approximately 50 per cent of the costs, and cable TV, they didn't have a choice. They're paying for their own. Significant savings, from a municipal perspective, getting this hydro work done. So, we have to take advantage of it."

Government grants have also greatly reduced the cost to Dysart.

## Planned power outage

In order to get most of the hydro work done efficiently, a "massive" power outage will likely happen in the spring.

"It's going to take a chunk of the county out. Because when they do this work, they'll be bringing crews in from all over the place. You're going to see nothing but hydro trucks up and down that road and they're going to blitz it. They have some infrastructure up here on the hill [Mountain Street] ...

they'll do that at the same time," he said.

## Pay and display meters

Five new "pay and display" meters will be replacing the coin meters currently on the street.

Often seen in more urban centres, the meters dispense a slip of paper that must be placed in the car's windshield.

Storeowner Janet Sheehy said her customers would have a problem with the machines during the winter, since they require an additional trip over the snow bank between the sidewalk and the car.

"It's pretty tough to have people cross it three times just to go shopping," Sheehy said.

Her comments spurred a discussion about sidewalk clearing in general, which all agreed wasn't ideal.

"I think we need to address the other problem, which is get rid of the ice," said Andy Glecoff, owner of Stedman's V&S.

"What we will need to do eventually is try to get it so that somehow we can get the snow removed so it's not a long stretch of snow bank from Sharpley's to the traffic light," said BIA president Luke Schell.

## New tourism initiative focuses on the language of the Highlands

Chad Ingram  
Staff reporter

"Welcome to the Haliburton Highlands."

This is a phrase visitors to the area will be hearing a lot more if a new tourism branding initiative takes off.

The Haliburton Highlands Tourism Committee - comprised of accommodators and other stakeholders - has obtained a \$10,000 community capacity grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation that it will use to create a network of tourism ambassadors and focus on the branding of the "Haliburton Highlands."

"The Haliburton Highlands Tourism Committee decided a year or so ago that we wanted to create a grant that helped to brand the Haliburton Highlands at home, that would help to create and develop the language of the Haliburton Highlands and how excellent a place it is to live, work and play," says Sally Moore, owner of Sunny

Rock B&B and the driving force behind the program.

"Unless we're talking the same language, all of us, we aren't ever going to have a true brand, and the brand of tourism in this county should be the Haliburton Highlands."

Moore emphasizes that "Haliburton County" should be used to refer to the local government and that "Haliburton Highlands" should be applied to the area itself.

Communities located outside the technical boundaries of the county are welcome to join in.

"It allows those people that want an identity with us to have it," Moore says, using Kinmount as an example.

Put on in conjunction with the county's tourism marketing department, the initiative will utilize window clings that business owners can put in their windows, proclaiming they are tourism ambassadors.

"When a visitor goes to a business, they can get information they need ... and they

get a smile and they're engaged in conversation," says Barrie Martin, the indefatigable promoter of all things Haliburton Highlands who's been contracted by the committee to facilitate the project.

Martin will be reaching out to businesses, meeting with interested owners and providing "flash" customer service tutorials.

"Flash is the operative word," Martin says, explaining they will take but five minutes and business owners will be given a list of tips to keep in mind.

The program is meant not just for accommodators and restaurants, but any business that has interface with the public.

Individuals can take part as well.

Martin will also be building a database of all those involved, who will receive information on upcoming events they can share with their visitors.

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# points of view

## Making compromises

**M**OST LIKELY, the Clear Lake reserve disagreement will end in compromise exactly as it should.

Landowners and users of the reserve, which is bordered by Ken-nisis Lake in the east and Nunikani Lake in the west, aren't thrilled by a recent Ministry of Natural Resources statement that outlines restrictions to the land's usage.

Among them are rules to limit the number of cached boats on Clear Lake, disallow grooming of cross-country ski trails and restrict use of ATVs on several of the pre-existing trails.

Property owners are also unimpressed with the way the management statement was released to the public, which did not include any special outreach to those most affected by the document. Their wishes include rescinding the policy document to make changes to inaccuracies they say are present regarding old-growth forest, consultation with stakeholders prior to releasing a management statement and much more time for community discussion.

Within these broader concerns are the worries of individual landowners.

One is concerned his hunting and fishing activities will be curtailed if he can no longer leave a boat on Clear Lake. Another reads the policy to mean he can't have hydro brought into his property. Still another wants

to be able to continue his recreational skiing on groomed trails as he was formerly allowed to do – even after the land was designated a reserve.

All of these things are being weighed against the mandate of the MNR, which established the reserve “to protect its provincially significant representation of old grown eastern hemlock upland forests, mature tolerant hardwood forest and a limnological complex.”

According to the MNR, increased use of existing trails puts pressure on the

soil, interrupts drainage patterns and damages vegetation.

Unauthorized trails “may lead to possible exotic or invasive plant/insect introduction.” Cached boats increase pressure on the fish of the lakes and make the landscape look less “backcountry” to users. These things do seem to go against its vision for the land.

But the counterpoint to all of this is that the reserve was established on land that already included hunt camps, cottages and campsites.

Humans were already there.

So, the MNR must find compromises to allow activities to continue within its larger vision of keeping the land pristine. And users must also make concessions – curtailing their desires to ensure the landscape remains a treasure for generations to come.



**Jenn Watt**  
Editor



Icy relations

photo by Darren Lum

## Completing the cycle

**I**T HAPPENED on Friday night at 11:31 p.m. There I was, just sitting in my living room, when the biological imperative struck.

“That’s enough,” I muttered.

“It’s not bothering me at all,” Jenn said.

But, by then, it was too late. I had already slipped on my boots, thrown on a coat and had one foot out the door.

I had barely stepped off my driveway when an ATV revved its engine and whizzed by me, missing me by a mere 10 yards. Then, 50 feet up the road, a noisy snowmobile zipped back and forth for no good reason.

I walked towards a couple of helmeted people, who stood in the midst of this laughing and socializing.

“It’s 11:30 at night!” I yelled. “Is this absolutely necessary?”

Suddenly, the helmets came off, revealing four clean cut, polite teens who immediately apologized and admitted that they had lost track of time. They then proceeded to gather their gear and ride off.

I nodded gruffly and walked away. And just like that, I became Old Man Galea.

In truth, I never thought this would happen to me. I thought I’d remain young enough in mind not to become that old curmudgeon who ruins teenaged fun. But, Jumping Jehosaphat, I guess I was wrong.

Despite the fact that it was Friday night and we were watching *The National*, I never saw it coming.

It wasn’t that long ago that my friends and I would laugh about Old Man Rudd. There was an Old Man. He’d walk 100 yards in slippers and housecoat at 9 p.m. just to tell you to he didn’t know what you were doing but knew you were up to no good.

Then there was Old Man Switzer. If you

so much as set on foot on his neatly manicured lawn, he’d take after you with a fan-tailed rake – which is not an easy thing to do when you are wearing slippers and a housecoat.

And now I have joined their hallowed ranks.

Back at the house, Jenn asked, “How did it go?”

“I’m going to need slippers and a housecoat,” I muttered.

It was true. Because, I suspect, even at that very moment those polite kids were asking, “Who is that guy?”

And one among them might have answered, “Don’t worry, that’s just Old Man Galea.”

When you get to this stage in life, I guess there are two ways you can go. One is to

try to recapture a semblance of cool like some middle-aged folks do. Typically, they would have handled this by walking over, nodding excessively and beginning the conversation with “Hey dudes, awesome machines...”

After that, they would have hung out with the kids and tried to “relate.” This would include the liberal utterance of phrases like “you feel me,” “I dig” and “yeah, she’s my Shorty.” Then, feeling comfortable, they’d regale them with tales of how it was “back in the day.”

Do this right and they’ll quickly leave and never come back again.

But, if you don’t have the stomach for that kind of cruelty, you’ll simply choose curmudgeonhood, as I did.

Admittedly, I’m not that good at it yet. For instance, I never once raised my voice or threatened to tell their parents or call the cops. As I said, I’m really new at it.

But there is hope. After this, for example, I’m digging out the rake.



**Steve Galea**  
Loon Tales



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# points of view

## Whether the weather

**A**T FIRST VICTOR THOUGHT it was a chunk of frozen slush smack in the middle of the highway. He was rounding the corner before the next little hamlet, his headlights throwing visibility ahead of him. Then in an instant he saw what it really was. A raccoon, humpy back and head down probably licking salt near the centre line. With amazing calm Victor calculated his speed, the direction in which the animal had now taken off, the curve of the roadway and the possibility of another vehicle traveling toward him in the other lane. This all happened within a heartbeat or two.

The raccoon was thankfully not very speedy but even so Victor ducked his head as he swerved around it as though that gesture would somehow keep the creature out of harm's way. But he heard and felt nothing and though he saw only darkness in the rearview mirror, he knew he had avoided the collision.



**Sharon Lynch**  
Down our Road

Raccoons in February, thought Victor. He doubted that was usual. The morning before he had heard crows calling. It was a sound he associated with the start of spring, not mid-winter. While putting out the compost he had heard phoebes and finches. In February. "Was this normal?" he wondered, trudging back to the house through the spongy snow drifts. Not being a biologist, or any kind of scientist for that matter, he could only go by his remem-

bered experience of normal.

It had been a mild winter. The temperature had plunged but a few times and then only briefly, bouncing back to around the freezing mark or above for most of the season. While for months the sun had been its usual bright cold circle hanging low in the sky it didn't seem to matter it shone without warmth. The air had remained surprisingly moderate. And now the sun actually felt balmy on Victor's face, the earth in its yearly orbit moving closer to the fiery ball.

Victor wondered if this year was just a fluke, a deviation that someday would show up as remarkable by the rings on a tree or fossils in a swamp or some such thing. He let out a slow breath and watched a scrawny red squirrel skip across the snow's surface toward his birdfeeder. There had been a dead skunk on the highway last week, a small black and white pile. He wondered if the porcupines would be next. In February. And what about the bears?

"There's no snow down here," his sister had told him with a mixture of gratitude and consternation when he called her on Sunday. Marie lived in Mississauga and was used to driving to work through white-outs. Not this winter. But there was no snow for the kids to go sliding and the outdoor rinks were soft and bumpy.

"Come spring the bugs will be bad," forecast an expert on the radio. Victor was finishing up his breakfast coffee when he heard this. The expert said the cold weather that kills many small critters will not have done its work this year. Victor groaned. More black flies, mosquitoes and insects praying on his precious flowers and vegetables. But then, more food for the birds as well. A bit of a silver lining, he thought, liking the birds as much as his gardens.

Now it was mid-afternoon. Victor had emptied the compost pail, restocked the bird feeder and taken another coffee out to the back deck. Facing south meant a generous portion of the boards were clear and dry and it was here Victor now sat gazing at the yard and trees beyond. He knew there were deer in that bush. They came around at night, checking out spilled seeds from the feeder, nibbling on any cedars they could reach.

This must be an easier winter for them, he surmised. No deep crusty snow to struggle through pursued by predators. More readily accessible food. Victor wondered if that meant a spike in the deer population which meant more stress on vegetation but more food for wolves.

He soaked up the warm rays, sipped his coffee and considered the interconnectedness of all that was around him. Change the weather even slightly and the chain reaction was indeed far-reaching. And this was just a small change in a little place like his backyard. There were much bigger changes happening in significantly bigger places. Victor pondered if those in charge of the world really understood what was happening. Or if they cared.



### pic of the past

**L**akeside Park, Haliburton. Submitted by Sharon Petrini. If you have a pic of the past you'd like to submit, bring it to the *Echo* at 146 Highland Street.

### letters to the editor

## MP responds to funding criticism

### To the Editor,

I would like to respond to comments made by Kirk Creelman in his recent letter to the editor.

First of all, the fact that Lakeside Baptist Church received \$75,000 from the Enabling Accessibility Fund was never a secret. In fact, I issued a press release on Feb. 15, 2011 announcing their successful application. As such, I am surprised that it has come up more than a year later.

Secondly, the fact that churches and other religious institutions are eligible for public funding is nothing new in Canada. In fact, the practice is quite prevalent. Perhaps the most common examples are Catholic schools and religious hospitals. Consequently, any suggestion that this practice is new, and therefore evidence of creeping Americanization in Canada as a consequence of our Conservative government, is simply nonsense.

Finally, I'd like to agree with Kirk on his suggestion that we should improve access to public washrooms for visitors to Haliburton. In fact, I promise to support any proposal to do so, whether they are in a new stand-alone building, the gallery, the library ... or in a church basement.

**Barry Devolin, MP**

## Confused councillors

### Regarding: County to cut tourism position?

Late last year, county council decided to reorganize the economic development and tourism marketing department and eliminate the economic development part.

It decided to focus on tourism marketing and that's when director Bob Smith retired, a marketing person would be hired. In January's draft budget discussions there was a seven to one show of hands to take \$80,000 out of the tourism budget. There now seems to be confusion among county councillors whether that show of hands was to just reduce the overall tourism budget (which I firmly disagree with) like other departments, or to specifically eliminate the job.

So here's the thing: someone in the tourism department has to continue to report to county council and continue in a leadership role. If the county cuts the "top job," the only person left to do the admin and coordination work will be the tourism coordinator. This would mean that less time and effort will be put into actual marketing. This is unfair to the tourism coordinator and, as tourism stakeholders, we'll all suffer from reduced tourism marketing efforts. The tourism budget has already taken an \$80,000 hit.

This is not the time to scale back efforts. This county only has tourism, so why would they cut out the job that could help us? We don't need one less person working on tourism development, we need that job to be retained and an experienced marketing develop-

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# letters

## Everything we do in this county is tied to tourism

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ment person hired to fill it. We need a champion who will develop packaging, strategic alliances, partnerships, new media initiatives and so on. We need someone to work on stretching this county's season beyond July and August. Cutting a job from the county won't do this. It's a step backward.

We're all in the tourism business, directly or indirectly. Everything we do is tied to tourism. Every job, business and service in this county exists because of tourism. We have to take the

time and effort to make council aware of the obvious.

If you believe that cutting the tourism department from three to two is wrong, email your concerns to whichever county councillors you know and make sure you CC it to Carol Moffatt, the chair of the economic development committee.

Once this job is permanently eliminated from the county budget we'll never get it back. We can't afford that.

**Dale Rider**  
Algonquin Highlands

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## God is indeed alive and at work in our community

To the Editor,

Thank you to Kirk Creelman for his letter in our local newspaper, "Building a stairway to heaven," and as the title suggests, God is indeed alive and at work in our community.

He spoke accurately of the \$75,000 grant, of our Canadian tax dollars, given to Lakeside Baptist Church for an elevator/lift, which was announced as Mr. Creelman put it, "by our own Barry Devolin."

However, there were some details missing. Since Lakeside had been designated as an emergency evacuation site for our community, we had a number of letters from concerned citizens supporting a need for such an elevator. We had letters from the community housing corporation, Haliburton fire department, the municipality of Dysart, Haliburton Community Funeral Home, Community Care Haliburton and others supporting the installation to ensure the safety of all persons with disabilities and/or illnesses.

The grant did not cover the cost of the elevator. It will cost over \$100,000 with the difference being covered by Lakeside.

The church-body of Lakeside extends an invitation to Mr. Creelman to come and assess the wisdom of the federal government's decision to accept our application. When you enter at the front door you must go up or down the stairs.

However, the lift is located at the back and will give one access to whatever floor on

which the event is held.

You may choose to come on a Sunday, perhaps participating in our monthly benevolent Sunday.

Everything given to that offering goes back into the community. If we had kept all the money collected over the years, we could have covered the cost of the grant a couple times over. Instead, we chose to give it to whoever came in need of financial assistance.

Over the years we have paid for medicine, various bills, food vouchers, heating fuel, motel rooms for the temporarily homeless, among others.

Each week Celebrate Recovery meets for a coffee hour for anyone requiring mentorship, comfort and community support as they deal with addictions, hurts or hang-ups.

Shepherd's Table offers a free meal to anyone in need. We are known to have 80 or more participants.

The Grief Share program runs twice a year in 12-week sessions for those dealing with grief, death or divorce.

Again, thank you, Kirk Creelman for handing us the opportunity to supply the details of the elevator/lift and may God bless your day.

**Kirk Biljetina**  
Haliburton

### Liver Health and Hep C Team 4 Week Lunch and Learns Haliburton & Minden

Oshawa Community Health Centre's Liver Health and Hepatitis C Team will be holding a series of 4 information sessions (in the order below) from Noon to 1pm every first and third Friday in February and March.

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# letters

## Devolin is wrong to change age on Old Age Security

To the Editor,

MP Barry Devolin is fear-mongering about your Old Age pension, claiming that it is unsustainable unless he cuts your benefits ("Council protests against OAS"). Nothing could be further from the truth.

In fact, experts from the OECD, leading universities and the government itself have all said our Old Age Security (OAS) program does not face major challenges and there's no pressing need for change.

Canada's Parliamentary Budget Officer says that Old Age Security is sustainable beyond the year 2082. Payments today cost 2.4 per cent of our national GDP. When the Boomers max out in 2031, that percentage will climb to 3.1 per cent but then drop off again.

Conservatives like Barry Devolin are really trying to raid your retirement savings to pay for their extreme ideological agenda.

They say current seniors won't see their

benefits cuts, but they aren't saying anything about tomorrow's seniors - hard working Canadians who have based their retirement plans around having Old Age pensions available to them.

The fact is, more than half of Old Age pensions go to seniors earning less than \$25,000 year.

Canadians workers have paid taxes their entire careers expecting that these benefits will be available to them when they turn 65.

Raising the age for OAS will mean that some will have to stay longer in the work-force, whether they're physically up to it or not.

Seniors' poverty rates could rise by one-third. That's just not right - not in a successful country like Canada.

**Scott Brison, MP**  
**Liberal Party of Canada Finance Critic**

## A little more thought needed

To the Editor,

I can appreciate the time constraints involved in covering the Scotty Morrison tournament and meeting your publishing date, however, I think a little more thought could have gone into the photo on the front page of the Feb. 7 issue.

We had a major weekend-long event taking place in our community and the theme of that event was to pay tribute to our military and we were fortunate enough to have a contingent of soldiers attend from both Camp Borden and Camp Petawawa.

They were gracious enough to interact with

our community at the Haliburton Legion on Saturday afternoon and the two camps played against each other in a hockey game Saturday night.

The photo on the front page, while cute, would be just as cute anywhere else in the paper. Given the magnitude of the event and its benefits to our community, and the theme of the tournament, a more appropriate front page photo would have been to have a soldier from each camp on either side of the Stanley Cup.

**Frank Thom**  
**Haliburton**

## Thank you for OPP assistance

To the Editor,

Thank you to officer Mark Davis who appeared minutes after I hit a deer on Highway 35 on Friday night. We hadn't even stopped shaking when his lights were there

and he was offering help. It's good to know our guardian angels are out there.

**Mandy Booth**  
**Haliburton**

## Haliburton continues to grow

To the Editor,

The success of the Granite Cove condo project leading to the new Granite View development is long awaited good news.

The affordable housing project slated to begin this spring in town makes for three major housing projects on the go. Could this mark the beginning of some growth years for Haliburton?

I believe it does. Statistics Canada data from the 2011 census shows Dysart et al led the county in population increase between 2006 and 2011 while growing eight per cent. That compares to overall Canadian growth of 5.9 per cent. For the most part Haliburton's growth is coming from southern Ontario while a large percentage of Canadian growth is from immigration.

I would go so far as to say we should prepare for rapidly accelerating growth for a number of reasons.

Global warming is a reality and much as it

is a horror, Haliburton County is uniquely situated to benefit from it. May, June, September and October are already beautiful months and we are now seeing many gorgeous days in April as well. Canada's population is aging and Haliburton is a magnet for the elderly. Retired people can travel anytime and will prefer Haliburton in the shoulder seasons as opposed to the summer crowds.

Canadians lost billions in assets from the financial crisis even as their real estate holdings increased billions.

With six million people living in the GTA how many of those now facing retirement will trade a million dollar home for Granite View's \$250,000, pocketing \$750,000 to supplement retirement? Multiplying that by 20 more years of boomer retirement guarantees continued long-term growth for Haliburton.

Get ready Haliburton, the boomers are coming.

**Peter O'Connor**  
**Haliburton**



### Smile

The Haliburton and District Lions Club donated \$1,500 to the Volunteer Dental Outreach Clinic recently. From left, Lion Marilyn Frost, Lion Betty Mills and Lisa Kerr of the Volunteer Dental Outreach Clinic and Lion David Mills. Submitted by David Mills

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Left, hundreds waited for a short ride by a dog team, facilitated by the Winterdance Dogsled Tours during the Haliburton Frost Festival at Head Lake Park in Haliburton on Saturday, Feb. 18.



# Frosty fun in Haliburton Village

The sun shone for the hundreds who attended Haliburton's Frost Fest, which was primarily based at Head Lake Park in Haliburton on Saturday, Feb. 18.

The event included a variety of activities for all ages.

The activity list included horse-drawn wagon rides, dogsled rides, maple snow taffy demonstrations, broomball and snowshoe relays.

Facilitated by the municipality of Dysart, the event was a success thanks to the many

volunteers, sponsors and organizations including the Haliburton and District Lions Club, Rotary Club of Haliburton, Canoe FM, YMCA Camp Wanakita, Youth Unlimited, Beatty's Sugar Bush, Haliburton Foodland and the Rails End Gallery.

**Photos by Darren Lum**



Above, youth play some broomball during Frost Fest.

Left, children and adults were both amazed at "the one" that got away story from an angler giving ice fishing demonstrations. In this case "the one" was a fishing rod that went into the water and was later retrieved. It was later documented in the local paper.



# Farmers' market continues to grow

Jenn Watt  
Editor

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market is planting a few more seeds this season, hoping to cultivate a bigger customer base and better understanding of local food.

Starting with a sharp new logo, the "incrEdible" farmers' market is branching out and trying new things.

"The market has to evolve and it has to grow," board member Rick Ratcliff said in an interview last week.

The board underwent an intensive strategic planning process including six meetings since November fleshing out what they wanted to do and who they wanted to be.

While much of their vision is still in the formative stages, creating more interactivity and buzz are among their goals for 2012.

"We want to have a feature for each market," said board chairwoman Angel Taylor, including hands-on demonstrations of how to use produce, education about the Haliburton growing season and a chance to learn about individual farmers or vendors.



**We have done well, but we need to up it another level to keep and attract vendors and keep customers coming.**

— Angel Taylor

dors.

Part of the experience of the market is the chance to meet the people who grew your food, Ratcliff said.

"You can chat with the person who grew it ... it's an educational experience," he said.

Ratcliff envisions farmers putting together small displays to teach customers about what it takes to grow specific produce.

The farmers' market is going into its

fourth season and has already dealt with several challenges including relocating from Haliburton to Carnarvon, scheduling around other markets and deciding how far away food at the market could come from.

This year, the market will return to Haliburton for part of the season – another challenge.

From June 15 to Aug. 31, the market will set up every Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. at the crossroads of highways 118 and 35 in Carnarvon. Then for the fall, from Sept. 7 to Oct. 5, it will move to Haliburton's Rotary beach by the tennis courts from 2 to 6 p.m. on Fridays.

The move is to reach out to the Haliburton side of the county, while not shirking the loyal customers who frequented Carnarvon for the past two seasons.

They don't keep statistics on how many people use the market, but can tell that it has become more popular year over year.

"We have done well," Taylor said, "but we need to up it another level to keep and attract vendors and keep customers coming."

That may include a blog, Facebook page or perhaps a frequent visitor card that gives



The new farmers' market logo, designed by Linda Middleton, is the first step in a revitalization of the market.

the regular customer a gift for their patronage.

Firm details about this year's market will be unveiled in the next few months.

For now, the market board wants the public to know the market is branching out and trying new things this year.

For more details, get in touch with Angel Taylor at 705-286-4877.

## Schools compete to collect boxed pasta for food banks

From Feb. 13 to 27, Trillium Lakelands District School Board secondary schools are collecting boxes of pasta for The Great Pasta Challenge. This challenge is a competition between schools to collect boxed pasta with the aim of gaining a coveted trophy. At this time of year, local food banks need help to replenish their shelves.

The Great Pasta Challenge began in 2003 to raise awareness around food shortages, healthy eating, and the importance of caring for others.

Last year, IE Weldon Secondary School took the trophy for the school with the most amount of pasta collected. The total raised by all secondary schools was 13,670 boxes of pasta, which was an astounding 6,090 boxes more than in previous years.

The Great Pasta Challenge is organized by the Group of Seven – a student leader from each secondary school – in partnership with local food banks.

"The Great Pasta Challenge allows each school to do their part for the community, especially in February when food banks need help the most," says student trustee Robin Scott. "I'm both excited and anxious to see what the totals will be this year."

If you would like to donate boxed pasta to help your local secondary school gain the coveted trophy and help the food bank in your area, drop boxed pasta off at the school before Feb. 27 so your donation can be counted toward the grand total.

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# Anonymous donation spruces up community kitchen

Jenn Watt  
Editor

Volunteers cooking food for families in need now have better surroundings and equipment.

A \$3,000 anonymous donation to the SIRCH Community Kitchen allowed them to repaint the facilities in the basement of the Haliburton United Church, create more counter space and purchase four cookers.

On Feb. 16, some of the program's volunteers were in the newly spruced up kitchen preparing a steaming turkey stew for local families.

Women bustled around the kitchen chopping vegetable and spooning stew into portable containers.

On this particular week, three turkeys were donated by the Minden Food Bank and the vegetables came from Ernie Wherry and Lindsey Coates.

"Our next step is to upgrade to a bigger tin," volunteer coordinator Jane van Nood said, noting that a family of six was supposed to be fed by a container of stew about the diameter of a dinner plate.

Currently, the volunteers produce between 40 and 60 tins every two weeks.

With more money, they could put more food in bigger containers.

The Community Kitchen already benefits from several generous individuals and businesses.



Jenn Watt Staff

Community Kitchen volunteers are thrilled with their newly painted kitchen in the basement of the Haliburton United Church. The program provides free food to families. From left, Mary Fox, Sandre Daoust, Nancy Brownsberger (SIRCH community coordinator), Diane Smith (front), Ruth Fletcher, Peggy Cassils and Jane van Nood (SIRCH volunteer coordinator).

A chest freezer was purchased at cost with money from the local Rotary Club after Newbatt's Appliances gave them a deal.

Mary McKee donated some of the paint for the kitchen.

The local Anglican Church members regularly donate.

"Local growers have been terrific," says SIRCH community coordinator Nancy Brownsberger.

Besides the veggies from Wherry, Barb and Wayne Fawcett and John Teljeur give their local produce to the program.

Haliburton Foodland gives the group a 10 per cent discount on all the food they buy.

Homemade turkey stew bubbles in the cooker at SIRCH's Community Kitchen Feb. 16 at the Haliburton United Church. The kitchen was recently repainted and new cookers purchased after an anonymous donation of \$3,000 came in to the not-for-profit organization.

"We have over 20 volunteers who do it all," Brownsberger says, "from scheduling to meal planning ... everything."

The United Church has given the group the space for the last three years and "they never complain" about its usage, van Nood says.

Community Kitchen made 1,000 meals last year for 40 local families.

"Our long-term goal is to expand into other areas of the county," Brownsberger says.

Besides creating meals for families, SIRCH also uses the kitchen for programming. From September to December of 2011, the organization ran Moms in the Kitchen, which taught mothers how to cook nutritious meals.

At the end of the program, the 34 participants were given crock-pots, ingredients and cookbooks for Christmas.

To donate to Community Kitchen, go to [www.sirch.on.ca/](http://www.sirch.on.ca/) donate, call 705-457-1742 or email [info@sirch.on.ca](mailto:info@sirch.on.ca).



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# Fleming students partner with Abbey Gardens

Fleming College's students in the Sustainable Building Design and Construction (SBDC) program will partner with Abbey Gardens Community Trust in the construction of a Creative Exchange Mart in Ontario. The Sustainable Building Design and Construction project, located in West Guilford, will be used to sell goods produced by local growers, artisans and Haliburton Highlands residents. Construction begins in April 2012.

"We are thrilled to partner with Abbey Gardens," stated SBDC program coordinator Pat Marcotte. "The goals and vision of Abbey Gardens make it an ideal location for our students to undertake their sustainable building project as part of their curriculum for the 2012 program."

The Creative Exchange Mart will feature a safety certified kitchen for food artists to prepare their products, an area that will showcase the works of local artisans, quilters, weavers, spinners, authors and musicians and a green roof will be the home for a few goats to attract visitors from afar.

The mart is the first substantial structure in the Abbey Gardens project that is under development in a largely depleted gravel pit. In close collaboration with the Hewitt family of Hawk River Construction, the project is envisioned to include greenhouses, solar power generation, aquaculture, flower gardens, composting and an expansion of the existing vegetable gardens. It is intended that the site would also offer environmental education opportunities and a venue for the performing arts.

"We are delighted to partner with Fleming College on this first construction project at the Abbey Gardens site" said John Patterson, founding president of Abbey Gardens Community Trust. "To be able to collaborate in this way is totally consistent with the gardens' long term intent of working towards the sustainable development of our county and working in cooperation with other great contributors to the area's future."

Approximately 26 students from across Canada will participate in the design and construction of the sustainable building and learn about green building technologies and new energy-saving techniques.

"I am thrilled to be part of a fabulous vision that will start taking form this spring," said chairman of the Creative Exchange Mart task force, Paul MacInnes. "This is an exciting opportunity for Fleming students to gain experience

with the design and complete construction of a sustainable project. I look forward to monitoring their progress and seeing the final results."

The spring 2012 program will be coordinated by Marcotte, owner of HavenCraft Homes, a sustainable building construction company since July 2000. Marcotte has been involved in five of Fleming's SBDC program's past projects. He is a licensed journeyman carpenter, a licensed building designer and holds many related certificates and designations. Faculty will include a host of content experts who have real world experience in sustainable building projects.

Fleming is the first college in Canada to offer a Sustainable Building Design and Construction program. The 20-week program, based out of the Haliburton campus, is an intensive, hands-on experience that puts students at the centre of the construction of a full-sized and cutting-edge sustainable building.

Established in 2005, students in the program have suc-

cessfully completed sustainable projects that include Haliburton's 4Cs Food Bank and Thrift Shop (2005), R.D. Lawrence Place (2006), Madoc Performing Arts Centre (2008), Camp Kawartha Environment Centre (2009), and the Habitat for Humanity LEED Platinum Certified Home (2010).

The college is still accepting applications for the Sustainable Building Design and Construction program.

Graduates will have a range of career options, depending on their background. They may choose employment with sustainable building or conventional construction companies in Ontario, across Canada and internationally; self-employment as a builder or designer of sustainable homes or as a specialist in a particular field; work in product or service development related to sustainable building; or work with renewable energy, heating, cooling and ventilation companies, indoor air quality specialists, professional designers, water and waste treatment or ecological renovations companies.

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# Bridge designs next phase for replacement

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

*The following are briefs from the Highlands East council meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 14.*

Highlands East council will be replacing the Deer Creek Bridge. It got the go-ahead following a comprehensive presentation by Steve Clark of the Greer Galloway Group. After years of deterioration, this constructed structural steel arch culvert bridge design will soon be "shovel ready."

The bridge will be raised and widened to accommodate two vehicles, which will offer greater safety and require less maintenance. The current approach to the bridge will also be repaired, as there are noticeable tire track impression gullies. The final cost is estimated anywhere from \$150,000 to \$180,000, except the municipality will reap savings with its own personnel and the supplement of some materials. A start date has not been set.

The municipality hopes some of the cost will be offset by federal or provincial funds. Nearby residents will use a detour once construction begins.

## Plein-Air festival grows

Council showed its support again for the fourth annual Brush with the Highlands event by committing \$1,300 to help purchase the art show awards for the festival.

Organizer Tracey Lee Green said the festival continues to grow and is a draw for artists from all over Ontario.

Last year there were more than 300 plein-air works depicting the Highlands East area, which were seen in brochures and pamphlets all over, including studios, galleries and private homes. Close to 200 people attended last year's festival.

## Roads says enough is enough

The municipality is not going to be plowing any more snow for private businesses.

Earl Covert of the roads department acknowledges that when they did one it created an atmosphere where everybody was expecting the same service. He said it's time to stop.

"What's fair for one is fair for another. No one gets it," he said.

Everyone on council agreed that private snow removal

enterprises could benefit if they ceased snow removal for businesses.

## Fire department congratulated

Highlands East fire chief Bill Wingrove read an email of congratulations from former Haliburton County Emergency Medical Services general manager Bob English to the volunteer firefighters for saving an unidentified man who was found with no vital signs on the floor in front of the bank machine in Scotiabank in Wilberforce on Jan. 27.

"What a great rescue you provided this individual. It is times like these that our agencies realize the benefit of the training and expenses that are directed towards making our community safer ... please, extend my sincere congratulations to your firefighters on a job well done. You're all a tremendous asset to your municipality," English wrote.

English was instrumental in setting up getting the defibrillator used in the rescue.

Wingrove, who cited a six to 12 per cent success rate for defibrillators, received a call from the man's wife, indicating he was returning home.

"He's still very weak, but he's making a recovery and it's just totally unbelievable," he said.

# Drummond report should be wake up call: Scott

**Brendan Wedley**  
QMI Agency

Hopefully the Drummond Commission report has woken up Ontario residents to how bad the deficit and debt situation is in the province, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Progressive Conservative MPP Laurie Scott says.

"We're saying implement Drummond's 362 recommendations. It is severe," she said. "It is going to hurt all of us."

The Liberal government asked Don Drummond, a former bank economist, to lead the commission to come up with recommendations on how to restructure the public sector. The government is striving to eliminate its \$16-billion deficit by 2017-18. Drummond warns that the deficit could balloon to \$30 billion.

It has been eight years of Liberal mismanagement, Scott said.

"We cannot go forward as a province and become the Greece of Canada," she said, adding government spending has increased by almost 80 per cent over the last eight years.

She urged the government to stop corporate welfare, invest in what can create jobs and freeze the public sector.

"Get out of the way of businesses. Let them prosper," she said.

Scott expressed concern over the government reject-

ing recommendations such as the commission's call to cancel all-day kindergarten.

"If they're going to cherry pick, we're not going to tackle the debt and deficit and make Ontario a better place," she said. "It is a very serious situation that McGuinty's Liberals have got us into."

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# Provincial rules frustrate local winery

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Producing wines in Ontario can be frustrating.

Small producers like Eric Thompson, who founded the Haliburton-based Moon Shadows Estates Winery with wife Carol, know too well ways government regulations work against them.

That reality involves provincial restrictions imposed by the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) and the Vintners Quality Alliance of Ontario (VQA).

The LCBO controls all provincial alcohol sales and the VQA controls and certifies who can be regarded as "made in Ontario."

The 1999 VQA Act enables VQA-members to save their money while non-VQA members must pay to sell their wine to bars, restaurants and the LCBO.

"As far as I've been able to find out we all pay the same licensing fees so it doesn't matter how big your winery is in Ontario ... and yet there are some privileges to some and not to all," Thompson said. He pays close to \$1,500 every two years.

Thompson said the current rules dictate that he is virtually locked into selling his wine from his premises, as other options such as through restaurants and the LCBO are cost



**Darren Lum Staff**

Moon Shadows Estate Winery owner Eric Thompson is frustrated by how the provincial regulations restrict small operators, while offering greater support for large wineries.

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prohibitive.

He must give a 10 per cent discount to restaurants and bars, including 58 per cent for each bottle sold to the LCBO (not to mention HST and wine taxes for what is sold), whereas VQA members do not.

For a \$10 bottle of wine, he said, he could make as little as \$2, depending on the cost of production.

"I don't think people realize what small wineries are dealing with," he said.

Thompson produces between 4,000 and 5,000 bottles a year and would love to satisfy demand requested by restaurants out of the county such as in Ottawa. However when rules state he incur the cost of delivery himself it just doesn't make financial sense.

Wineries that produce non-grape wines are not eligible to be a VQA member, as only wineries that produce wines with grapes grown on Pelee Island, the Niagara Peninsula or in Prince Edward County will qualify. For the producers that don't qualify it means a big no to labeling a wine as "made in Ontario."

The importance of which does not escape Thompson, since other products can claim to be local even if bottled or canned in Ontario when it imports its contents.

It's been an uphill battle from the outset, he said. As the only maple syrup winery in Ontario, it took the Thompsons two years to have changes implemented so they could produce and sell their wines within the guidelines originally set. Without an official government category for a maple syrup based wine, the province dictated they should be included in fruit-based wines, except to do that they needed a minimum of five acres of

fruit.

The retired teacher recalls how a meeting in 2004 with the Alcohol Gaming Commission in Toronto changed everything for them and the winery landscape.

He and his wife met and spoke for close to an hour, pleading their case.

Two weeks later the commission provided the changes and enabled the Thompsons to produce maple and fruit wines.

Unlike the giant wine producers, he said, small wineries have little influence when it comes to catching the attention of politicians.

Small wineries like his are represented by the Fruit Wines of Ontario and the Ontario Vintners Association, which have well in excess of 100 wineries.

He hopes that the provincial alcohol restrictions will relax through these two lobby groups. As of last year there were 206 licensed wineries in Ontario with 124 wineries being VQA members.

Although the rules and regulations that he must work under are a constant frustration, Thompson is appreciative of the various employees of the LCBO and the Alcohol Gaming Commission who have all been helpful and professional.

"I haven't run into one that hasn't been helpful," he said.

For all these obvious challenges, Thompson still smiles when discussing the business of making wine, as it includes interactions with the customers and endless opportunities to meet people.

Both aspects that are rewarding for a hobby they love ... warts and all.





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# Reads of the week



## Book of the Week:

*Bedtime Story* by Robert J Wiersema

In the 2012 Evergreen Award nominated title *Bedtime Story*, Christopher Knox begins reading to his son David from an obscure fantasy novel. One night, when young David is reading alone, a seizure leaves him in a mysterious state of unconsciousness. As his seizure recurs every night, his father learns that only one thing will calm it; a bedtime story from his strange new book. Convinced that the secret of David's collapse is within its pages, Chris travels the continent in search of the truth.

Meanwhile, David wakes up within the story he has been reading. As his father struggles to free him, David struggles to survive, facing perils beyond belief in a world created to capture the souls of boys like him. Father and son are headed toward a fateful collision of worlds and a showdown with ancient evils, both fictional and real. You can request *Bedtime Story* in print or e-book format at the Haliburton County Public Library.

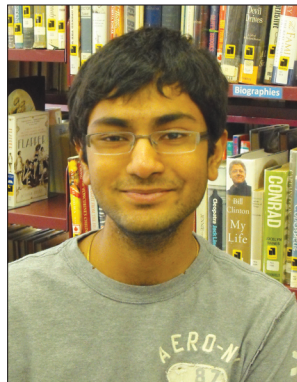
## Junior Book of the Week: Picture Book Title

*Betty Bunny Wants Everything* by Michael B. Kaplan

Betty Bunny's mother takes her and her siblings to a toy store where each is allowed to pick out one item. Betty refuses to choose just one and throws a tantrum when she learns the alternative is to get nothing. Betty Bunny

is every pre-schooler you know: always loveable, often a handful, and seldom understands why she can't always get her way. Will mother and father find a way to teach her this powerful lesson in self-control?

## Local Celebrity Read:



flourishing medical practice.

Puru Shah recently read *Contagion* for a Grade 12 biology project in which students were asked to review a novel with a biological aspect. "This book is interesting because it is a crime novel with a science-y base. It is definitely a 'who-done-it' with all the clichés of betrayal and love-triangles. It has all of that except it involves murder with disease, rather than with knives."

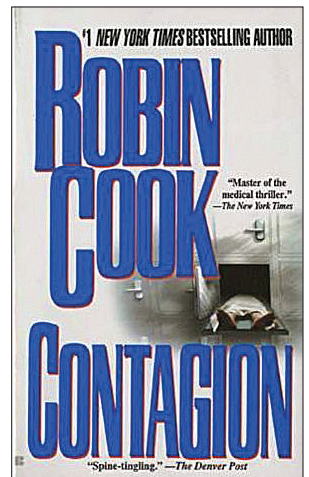
In *Contagion*, when not one but three different extremely rare diseases kill several patients at a New York hospital, forensic pathologist Jack Stapleton suspects it's more than just coincidence. He thinks there's a connection between the appearance of the mysterious microbes responsible for the deaths and the HMO that owns the hospital - the same HMO that once destroyed his

*Contagion* was Shah's first Robin Cook book but it probably won't be his last. "I read a lot of different stuff," he says. "I like adventure, mysteries - everything except romance and *Twilight*."

Shah says he would recommend this novel to anyone with a very basic science background who, in his words, "is tired of the same old crime novel!"

## News & Events:

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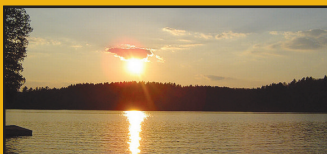
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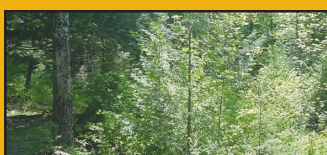
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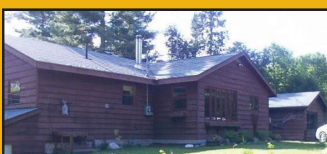
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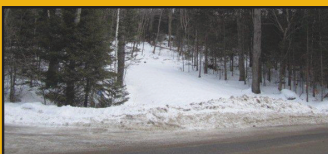
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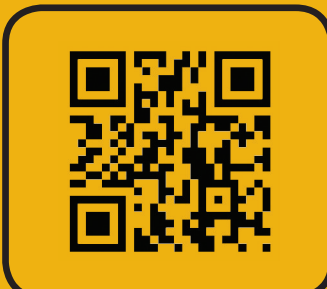
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# Unfinished business for Haliburton musher

➤ Hank DeBruin set to tackle Alaska's Iditarod again this year

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Marketed as the last great race, the Iditarod draws men and women from all over the world who share a passion for dogs and the drive to complete in a thousand mile dogsled race that spans the toughest terrain under the harshest conditions Mother Earth can muster.

Winterdance Dogsled Tour operator and owner, Hank DeBruin is one of a few this year who will be embarking on the northern route that will take him and his 16-dog team from Anchorage up to Nome, Alaska.

His wife and business partner, Tanya McCready spoke to the *Echo* about DeBruin's expectation and desires for this year's Iditarod, which included many surprises and wondrous moments when he first competed in 2010.

The first 200 miles of the race, McCready said, includes the gorge that is seen coming off the Alaskan range, which is as dangerous as it is beautiful.

"It is one of the most dangerous places to run because there are ice bridges over riv-



Darren Lum Staff

Hank DeBruin, who will compete in this year's 1,000-mile dogsled race, Iditarod, shows his affection for one his dogs during a visit to the Stuart Baker Elementary School earlier this year, providing short rides for students.

ers that are still flowing. It's switchbacks down the mountain so you need to [drive] your sled for sure," she said. "Starting his descent, he could hear a mechanical noise. He said, 'What the heck can be out here?' and literally, out of the gorge he was eye-to-

eye with the pilot of a helicopter that was rising out of the gorge," she said.

McCready adds DeBruin is ready to do his best and knows he'll be reconnecting with old friends and fostering new relationships, as he will give letters written by

J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Grade 5 students (including their son, Dustyn) to Alaskan elementary school students. He will also distribute hundreds of donated Wintergreen Maple Syrup and Pancake Barn maple syrup candies to the Alaskan native children at location checkpoints for the race.

"It's always a neat thing he loves to do. Just to meet the native children and give a little something back," she said.

DeBruin, who will start the race on March 3, is planning on finishing the 26-checkpoint route in 12 days. Back in 2010 when he first competed, he was asked to leave the race incomplete. This history will not be for not as the quiet man with the chiselled face will use the experience to draw upon for confidence.

Generally, the teams finish in between nine and 12 days.

McCready and DeBruin are appreciative for all the support they get.

"People are just amazing. It's pretty cool that he just stops for gas and somebody hops out [of their vehicle] and says, 'Hey, wish you luck.' That means a lot," McCready said.

*Fans of the event can follow DeBruin and his team through Winterdance's Facebook page or his website (www.winterdance.com).*

*The Iditarod website offers comprehensive information and the chance to follow competitors.*

## Online survey looking for poverty solutions

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

An online survey aims to gather suggestions on how to address poverty in Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

A step in the poverty reduction strategy being conducted by both municipalities, the survey covers food security, housing and employment issues.

Anyone can participate with their suggestions, but of special interest to the group are those living in poverty, front-line workers who provide services to poor people and businesses.

"We, of course, want to hear from people experiencing poverty at this time, but also from anyone with an interest in the topic," Lynda Rickard, executive director of Technology Alliance Group, the company responsible for the strategy, wrote in an email.

"We are looking for front-line workers of agencies helping people in poverty to give us their views. We would also like businesses that may be hiring people at minimum wage to offer their suggestions. The questions are formed in such a way that we can differentiate a variety of groupings

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**We are looking for front-line workers of agencies helping people in poverty to give us their views.**

— Lynda Rickard

based on answers," she wrote.

Results of the survey will be analyzed and compiled into a report sent to council.

The \$92,000 poverty strategy (\$11,000 of which comes from Haliburton County) included focus group sessions last fall with themes such as health care, children and labour.

U-Links Centre for Community Based Research is involved with the online survey, which can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SolutionsforOurCommunities>. If you prefer to answer questions by phone, you can call 1-800-407-6419.

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# Haliburton County Outdoors

by Steve Galea

## Keeping your edge

There are two kinds of outdoors enthusiasts – those who carry sharp knives and those who merely think they do.

Believe me, there's a difference.

I won't detail the reasons why you should carry a razor sharp knife in the outdoors – they're fairly obvious.

I will say, however, that there's no point carrying a knife if it isn't sharp enough to do what you need it to do.

Contrary to what some people believe, a sharp knife is also a safe knife.

It cuts effortlessly so the operator doesn't need to exert undue force.

Placing force on any cutting instrument means that you risk losing control – and that's where accidents happen.

Luckily, these days there's no reason to have a dull knife. Sharpening, in fact, has never been so easy.

### The old way

Most hunters still sharpen on a whetstone and this takes skill.

It's a simple process.

Place a little honing oil on the stone and start slicing the blade across it at your chosen angle.

Do this to both sides of the blade for the same number of passes at the same angle.

Then, if you want, run it across a leather strap to finish it.

Typically, a 25 degree angle produces a sharp, durable edge for most general purpose hunting knives, while 20 degrees works well for fillet knives.

Sounds easy on paper, right?

Well, the problem is that whetstones rely a lot on guesswork – you're estimating the right angle and hoping to be consistent with each pass.

Do this correctly for long enough and you'll have a very sharp blade. Many people can't get the hang of it though.

### Modern methods

The good news is that we now have tools that make sharpening foolproof.

One is the Lansky sharpening system – which is essentially a whetstone system with a guide that ensures the stone passes over the blade at a consistent angle.

It works like a charm and stones with differing levels of coarseness are provided, so you can sharpen from coarse to fine.

The guide also allows you to sharpen at four commonly used angles.

The compact system is an excellent tool to take to camp, especially

one with no electricity.

The Worksharp Knife and Tool Sharpener is a more high-tech unit. It's a tiny belt sander with two different guides (which allow for several sharpening angles) and several belts of varying coarseness.

Again, this allows you to sharpen at a consistent angle and it produces a razor sharp edge in just a few passes.

Follow the instructions and it's easy to get a scary sharp edge that you can literally shave with.

But be careful or you can take too much off a blade.

If the camp has electricity, this is what I take along.

It gets a lot of use too.

Both tools take the guesswork out of sharpening.

And, boy, what a difference that makes when a buck is down or a fish needs to be filleted.



There are two ways to sharpen a knife. Luckily, technology now allows you to get a sharp edge more easily.

## Notices

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Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 28, Concession 14, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 2 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Greg Bishop, O.L.S., dated June 6, 2011.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

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# Sports

## First time is a definite charm

➤ Red Hawks send four to Nordic all-provincials

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

For any high school athlete a berth to the all-provincials is the highest achievement.

Jillian Mayhew, the top Red Hawks Nordic ski finisher at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship, which were held at Glebe Park last week, is excited for the opportunity to represent her school at the Ontario Federation of Sports athletic Association (OFSAA) championships.

Mayhew has been working towards this for her entire four-year high school career.

Part of her success depended on hard workouts and the strong bond she has with the other members of the relatively small four-member team, she said.

When she was racing it was always her focus to pass whoever she saw on the course.

Although this was her second year with the team, Mayhew has competed for other Red Hawks teams that include the ice hockey and field hockey teams. She points out making OFSAA in her final year makes it all that much more rewarding.

Mayhew captured second place, completing the 5.8 kilometre course in 25:13 minutes.

The veteran of the team with three years, Christine Darlington, the unofficial leader, finished just behind her at 25:37.

Darlington was equally excited to earn an all-provincial berth and recounts how she got involved in the sport in the first place.

"When I started skiing in Grade 9 it was

just because I skied with my Dad and it was a sport I could do because I'd never been really big on the team sports ... it's a great sport because it's something we'll be able to do after high school provided we have snow."

Contrary to Mayhew's technique for success, which is passing what you see, Darlington said before a race she picked a competitor close in finishing time (taken from earlier races) and used them as a benchmark to catch or distance herself from.

The team, she said, is happy with the berth and will enjoy the all-provincial experience. With just four members, Darlington said it was not only quite easy to receive greater attention from the coach, but also to have practices during the weekend. There were many opportunities for one-on-one time with team coach Jennifer Paton, who never coached the team before.

She acknowledges the progress and the development of the team led to this recent result, which was also helped in part by familiarity of the hills at Glebe Park.

Paton was slightly surprised and hopes the team can grow from it.

"I didn't know what to expect in terms of the girls' results. I never expected to be going to OFSAA. I'm very aware of how much I have to learn, but they've been patient with me, and they've been grateful for what I could offer in terms of technique tips and race strategy. But when they are so enthusiastic, you just want to support them any way you can," she said. "I really hope this success will convince more Hal High students to ski with us next year. There's no other high school with such great trails so close to the school, and this year we have more snow than most of Ontario. My goal as a coach is to have a much larger group of students enjoying the outstanding Haliburton skiing and learning a sport they can continue



Darren Lum Staff

The Red Hawks Nordic ski team Jillian Mayhew, Christine Darlington, McKenzie Hill and Brigitta Hicks stood strong, representing the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championships held in Haliburton at the Glebe Park on Wednesday, Feb. 15. They all earned berth to the all-provincial championships.

for a lifetime."

This is Darlington's third year on the team and it is her first year as a senior girl.

Although Mayhew set out with the all-provincial berth goal, the rest of the team considered OFSAA as an outside chance.

"It was definitely on the back burner, but most of the year it was just about skiing," she said.

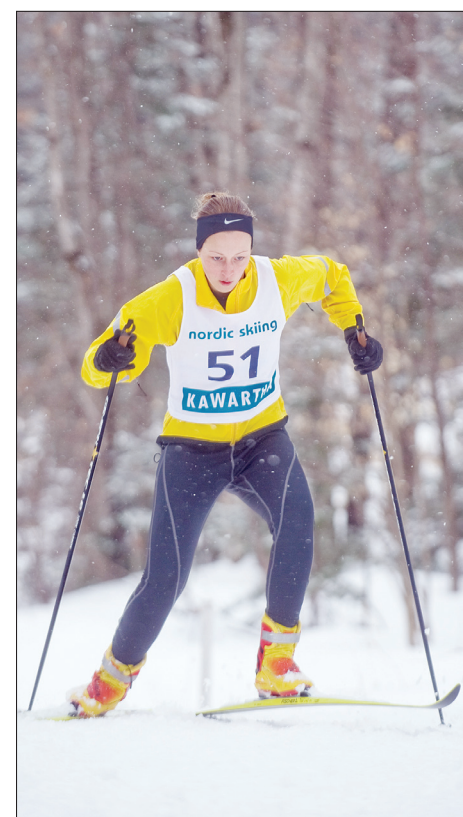
Although Brigitta Hicks (field hockey and track and field) and McKenzie Hill (field hockey and snowboarding) have earned OFSAA berths before, both expressed excitement in the Nordic achievement, Darlington said. Hicks finished with a time of 26:37 while Hill finished with a time of 27:24.

Darlington adds Hicks joined the team for the first time as a senior competitor to use the season as cross training for the upcoming track and field season while Hill came aboard partly from her request and the love for cross country skiing.

The team members all observed one simple goal every race, which put them in a good mindset leading into COSSA.

"The goal is don't come last overall and if you can come in the upper half," she said.

The championships will be hosted by the Arrowhead Nordic Centre at Arrowhead Provincial Park, located in Huntsville from Feb. 22 to 24.



Red Hawks Nordic skier Christine Darlington drives up a hill on her way to a third place finish.

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# 14 Red Hawks advance to COSSA

The OFSAA wrestling championship pursuit has begun!

On Thursday, Feb. 16, the HHSS wrestling team travelled to Cobourg to participate at the 2012 Kawartha Wrestling Championships.

Sixteen Red Hawks competed at the tournament, which hosted more than 250 athletes from around the region.

Overall, Haliburton wrestlers enjoyed an extremely successful day.

Fourteen Red Hawks placed in the top four of their respective weight classes to advance to the COSSA Championships held in Lindsay on Feb. 23.

### Women's Results

Gold Medal: Kayla Gardiner (47.5 kg), Liz Toth (64 kg), Lily Coneybeare (67.5 kg)

Silver Medal: Bailey Walker (54 kg), Jenn Woolacott (61 kg)

Bronze Medal: Nichole Honderich (44 kg), Caitlyn Griffin (51 kg)

4th Place: Heather Hamilton (51 kg), Maia O'Sullivan (57.5 kg)

### Men's Results

Gold Medal: Keith Burley (83 kg)

Silver Medal: Mark Christie (95 kg)

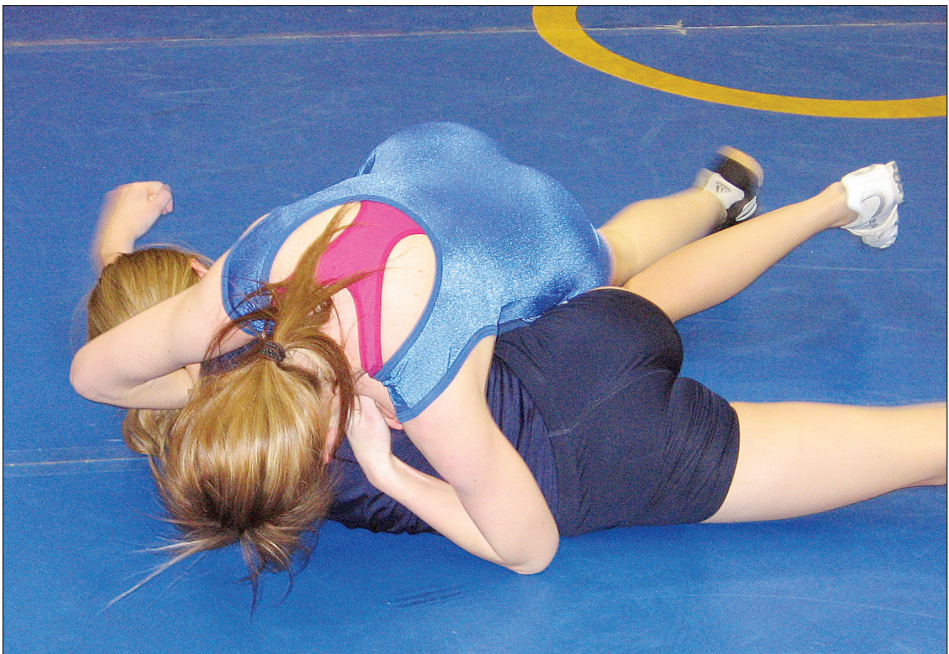
Bronze Medal: Cody Cox (57.5 kg), Zane Zondervan (77 kg)

4th Place: BJ Archer (89 kg)

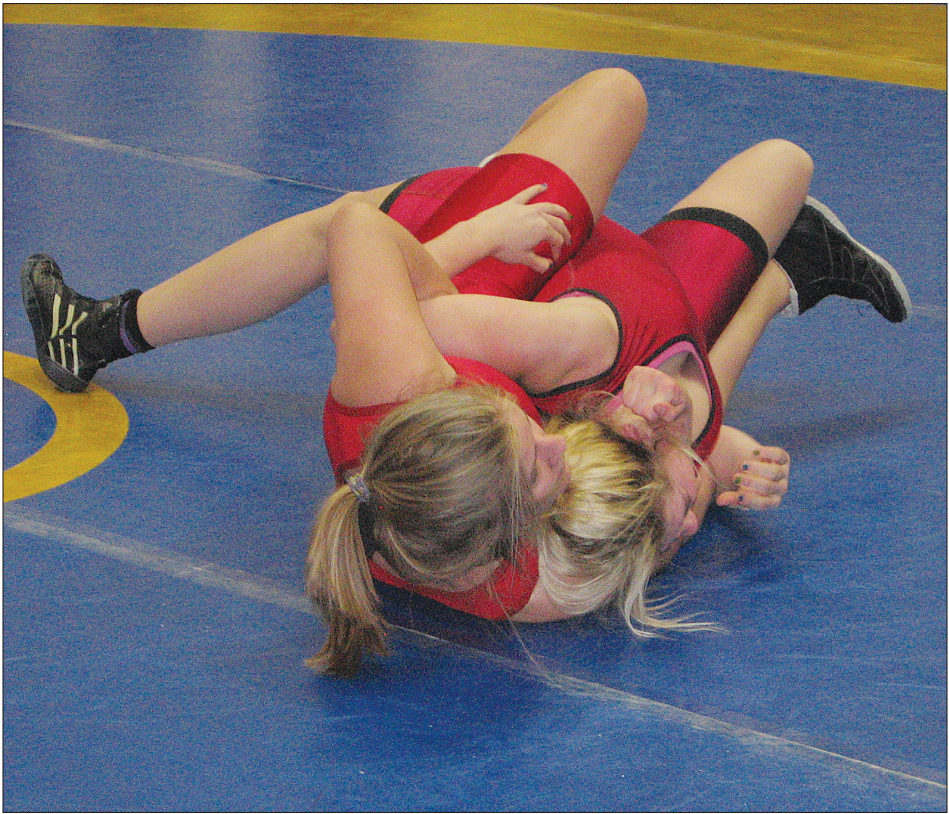
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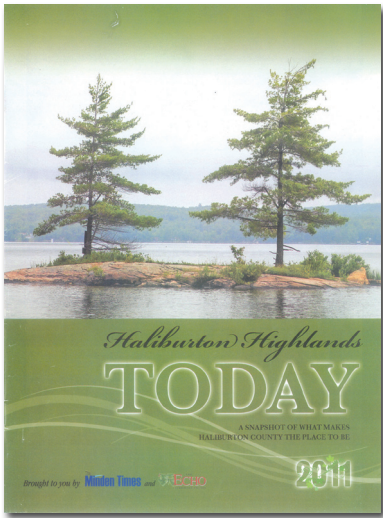
Red Hawks wrestler Zane Zondervan works to pin his opponent in his first match of the day during the 2012 Kawartha Wrestling Championships held in Cobourg on Feb. 16. Submitted by Paul Klose



Red Hawks wrestler Caitlyn Griffin pries her opponent with a power half-nelson during the 2012 Kawartha Wrestling Championships held in Cobourg on Feb. 16.



Red Hawks wrestler Lily Coneybeare tilts her opponent to score two points during a match at the 2012 Kawartha Wrestling Championships held in Cobourg on Feb. 16. Coneybeare won gold and a berth to the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics Championships held in Lindsay on Feb. 23. Submitted by Paul Klose



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# Fame owed to father

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Perhaps she has many more minutes of fame left. That is, if Andy Warhol was correct with his famous quote regarding everybody's 15 minutes of fame. Either way, a Gooderham hockey player, who plays for the Muskoka Mavericks, isn't too concerned despite being a flash on the screen during a CBC Hockey Day in Canada episode that aired earlier this month.

It was strange all the same for Shelby Hunter, 17, and exciting for her family, are passionate about hockey and the social interactions competitive hockey provides them.

The national spotlight was merely icing on the proverbial cake.

Hunter found the experience odd since the Canadian broadcaster had already documented another game of theirs. They gave strange directions such as asking her to throw one of her hockey gloves down for another player to pick up in the dressing room.

Her mom was the first to notice her daughter appear on the screen in opening seconds of the episode.

The second-year defenceman for the midget-A Mavericks, who also plays for the Red Hawks girls' varsity team, has been playing hockey since she was nine years old (competitively for five), choosing it over figure skating for its competitiveness and aggression.

She looks up to Team Canada member Tessa Bonhomme who won the 2010 Olympic gold medal, because they share petite stature.

Hunter appreciates her father's sacrifice driving her to twice-a-week practices and weekly games.

"If he didn't I wouldn't be able to play," she said, adding

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**Besides ice fishing and trapping there isn't a lot for her to do in Gooderham.**

— Michael Hunter

she just wants to play as long as she can.

Her father, Michael Hunter, really doesn't mind doing what makes his daughter happy and downplays the close to three-hour roundtrip drive, which is far short of the two-hour estimate stated by CBC.

He adds not only has she made great connections and friends through the experience, he has as well.

He said besides ice fishing and trapping there isn't a lot for her to do in Gooderham.

Hunter, who will share a few drives with grandparents, estimated close to 16 hours of driving every week within a period from September to close to the end of April, not including pre-season workouts in the summer.

Shelby Hunter of Gooderham loves hockey and was recently included in a CBC Hockey Day in Canada episode that profiled her team, the Muskoka Mavericks. Hunter who is also a Red Hawks girls' varsity hockey player, is a second-year defenceman with the Gravenhurst-based team. Photo courtesy of Veronica Cinnamon-McLellan.



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## COSSA Results

### Girls

Jessica Bishop 1st  
Kayla Gardiner 5th  
Shelby Elstone 6th  
Maia O'Sullivan 7th  
Ali Hicks 8th  
Heather Hamilton 9th  
McKenzie Hill 10th  
Melissa Cooper 11th  
Sandy Griffith 12th  
Kate Denniston 13th  
Robin Hogarth 14th  
Hunter McTeague 15th

### Boys

Level Two  
Greg Foster 1st

Level One  
Mackenzie Robinson 2nd  
Mike Kunkel 3rd  
Jack Hogarth 4th  
Spencer Hicks 5th  
Bradley Wood 6th  
Cooper Sherlock 9th  
Preston Roberts 16th  
Hunter Bishop 17th  
Del Myers 18th  
Jordan Nimigon 19th  
Trey Kyle 21st  
Jamie Brookes 22nd  
Jaden Bull 24th



Clockwise, from left, Mackenzie Robinson takes a turn; Jack Hogarth crouches, preparing for the next gate; Hunter McTeague smiles through the pressure; Robin Hogarth carves; and Shelby Elstone holds her heel edge at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics finals at Sir Sam's on Friday, Feb. 17. Photos by Darren Lum Staff

## Home hill proves fruitful

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

The Red Hawks snowboarding team is peaking at the right time, as strong performances translated to success at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics finals race held at the Sir Sam's Ski and Summer Resort in Eagle Lake on Friday, Feb. 17.

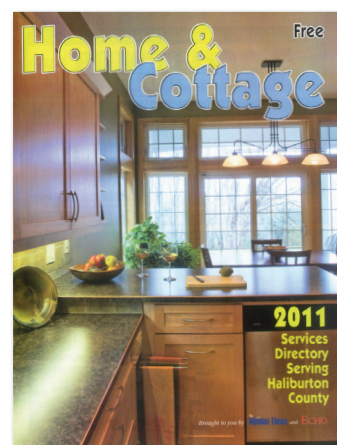
Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is sending several competitors (boys and girls) to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) finals held in Mansfield at the Mansfield Ski Club on March 1.

Haliburton, which had 26 competitors, will send more than half the team to OFSAA.

It was a golden day for Red Hawks snowboarder Jessica Bishop, who defends her COSSA title from last year, and silver for

Mackenzie Robinson, who missed defending his 2011 title by four-tenths of a second. Robinson, Bishop and Greg Foster, who competed in the Level Two division, will compete individually at the all-provincials.

The Red Hawks HHSS A boys' team (Robinson, Mike Kunkel, Jack Hogarth, Bradley Wood and Cooper Sherlock) finished first and advanced to the all-provincials. Even though the best three times for each team are recorded and awarded points for ranking, all four members finished within the top 10. Two Red Hawks girls' teams qualified for the all-provincials. HHSS A team finished second (Bishop, Kayla Gardiner, Ali Hicks, Heather Hamilton and Robin Hogarth) and HHSS B finished third (Maia O'Sullivan, Melissa Cooper, Sandy Griffith and Kate Denniston). The top two individual competitors in each gender and the top three teams both boys and girls earn a berth to the all-provincials.



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## Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton



- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton has provided mentoring programs to children 6-16 years of age for 30 years, 12 years in Haliburton County.
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  - They are less likely to depend on social assistance as adults.
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# Peewee As put on valiant effort versus Grizzlies

Dr. Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Peewee As played the third game in their series against the Centre Hastings Grizzlies on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 5 p.m. in Haliburton.

This was a "do or die" game.

The Storm boys put forth a valiant effort, but this was to be the end of their playdown road, with a loss of 4-2.

Our two goals were scored by Matt Wilbee and Chris Thompson, I do not have the assists.

Now we will move on to our playoffs within our loop, Muskoka-Parry Sound, as yet the dates and times of games are not known.

*Submitted by Karena Crofts*

## Storm Midgets win emotional series

The TimBr Mart Highland Storm Midgets played in the first three games of the OMHA quarter finals this weekend against North Frontenac.

Friday night the Storm played host in Haliburton and by the end of the first period found themselves down 3-0.

They started to show some life in the second and netted two goals from Tanner Ballantyne and Ryan Hunter with the only helper to Drake Montgomery, but at the intermission the score would read 4-2 visitors.

In the third, Frontenac came out hard and score a quick one to go ahead 5-2.

This then put a little fire in the pants of the home team and they would score three unanswered goals to tie the game in the third.

Goals went to Jordan Howe and Ryan Hunter with two to complete the hat trick and assists to Tanner Hamilton, Jacob Sisson, Nick Hunter, John Rae, Jordan, and Ballantyne.

With a quick break the game now went into overtime where the Storm dominated the play and in the final three minutes of OT Kieran Poropat with a burst of speed snapped the puck over the glove of the tender to get the game winning goal unassisted.

Game 2 had the Storm travelling to North Frontenac. The visiting team was playing better hockey this game and that

made it a much tighter game yet with a similar theme.

At the end of the first there was no score.

At the intermission the home team would be ahead 2-1 with the Storm goal going to Ryan.

Frontenac would have the lead until the last three minutes of the game once again when Ryan tied it up helped out by Zach Boice.

Once again we were headed to OT.

So with another extra inning pep talk from the coach, the Storm came out gangbusters again.

With good skating and sharp passes the Storm would keep the home team running and once again Kieran would jam in the winner while in front of the net with assists to Ryan and Doni MacInnes.

Sunday brought a spirited Game 3 back to Haliburton.

The home team came out on fire scoring six times: Nick Hunter, Howe, Hamilton, and Ryan each with one and Ballantyne with two; helpers went to Zach, Ballantyne, Hamilton, Ryan, Andrew Murray, John Mark Penman and Stewart Chaulk.

In the second, Frontenac would rebound and answer back with four of their own.

Needless to say, the sound of the buzzer to go to intermission was a welcomed end of this period.

Coming back to the third, Frontenac would again get on the board and the game was now one goal apart.

But, as has been the theme of this series, when the Storm players have their backs to the wall, they rise to the occasion and Ryan would add an insurance tally assisted by

Mike Dack.

As with all good hockey teams, the backbone has to be confident goaltending and both Jordan Hamilton and Brayden Frost were a large part of the success of these games.

So Storm wins this emotional series in three games straight and are now awaiting the semi-final series.

*Submitted by Wendy Sisson*

## Atom As hold on

Saturday the Atom As hosted the Centre Hastings Grizzlies.

We went into this game down two games to zero, with a must-win or we were done the season. We managed to pull off a tie 5-5.

With four grueling periods of hockey, (including an overtime) we managed to hold on by the skin of our teeth. We

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# Atom A team aims to win Game 5 against Marmora

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as a team played great; we would score and they would answer right back with a goal five times over this happened.

We watched our boys get put in the penalty box time and time again: 10 times to be exact. It was an unfair pair of refs, but we still managed to pull off a tie.

Sunday's game was a must-win for us, or we were done. We did it, winning 3-2.

We played a fantastic game in Marmora, giving them a taste of their own medicine.

With this win we force a Game 5, another must-win for us.

We've done it once we can do it again. Great job boys, keep up the great work we know you can come back and win this.

We play Saturday, Feb. 25 in Minden at 5 p.m., please

come out and help cheer us on.

*Submitted by Joanne Sisson*

## Bantam AEs win shootout

The Dave's Landscaping/McKee Security Bantam AEs opened their MPS playoff series verses Huntsville on Saturday.

The Storm out-worked the Otters and controlled the play in the first period but were unable to capitalize on any of their chances.

All the effort of the opening period paid off early in the second when Hunter Bishop picked up a loose puck in the Otters' end, skated to the top of the face-off circle and unleashed a slap shot past the Huntsville goalkeeper.

More hard work by Bishop and Caleb Schmidt along the boards resulted in the Storm's second goal as they set up Lucas Esson in the slot and he made no mistake.

Drew Vanlieshout put the Storm up by three goals as he scored on a nice wrist shot from the slot with an assist from Damen Winder.

The Otters began to play more desperately at this point and scored the next goal at the 10:59 mark.

They then scored shorthanded to finish the period only down a goal.

With momentum on their side the Otters tallied the lone marker of the third period and sent the game into overtime. The five-minute overtime session settled nothing thereby forcing a shootout.

Jaydon Wood's goal proved to be all that the Storm needed as goalie Cole Finlay stopped all three of Huntsville's shooters.

Game 2 will be played in Haliburton.

*Submitted by Doug Sullivan*

# Boys' HHSS hockey team ends season undefeated

*The following sports briefs were compiled by Judi Paul's HHSS class.*

## Feb. 10-11

The senior boys' basketball team travelled to Petawawa to compete at the 28-team Falcon Classic. The boys lost their first game to Bayridge from Kingston, then won three

straight over St. Lawrence, Cornwall, and the host team Fellowes High to earn a berth in the consolation final. The team fell to Engelhart in a 50-43 battle. Special mention to Damon Flatman who had two 25-point games and averaged 17.4 points per game over the tourney.

## Monday, Feb. 13

The boys' Red Hawks hockey team had a five-goal output in the last nine minutes of play to defeat the Fenelon Falls Falcons by a score of 6-2.

The team now holds an 11 wins and zero losses record in league play.

## Tuesday, Feb. 14

The junior boys' Red Hawks basketball team lost by a score of 50-33 in their first-round playoff game against Thomas A. Stewart. Hunter Smith led all Red Hawks scorers with 12 points. Del Meyers and Cory Proctor each chipped in six, while Jadon Bull contributed five points and five assists. Game MVPs were Angus Sullivan and Jordan Nimigon.

The senior boys' basketball team finished the season

with a tough loss to the Lakefield Tigers. The team played tough defence, keeping the Tigers to 36 points but were only able to put up 21 points. Damon Flatman finished with nine points, while Zack Cox had eight. Congratulations to Damon Flatman, Denver Smith, Austin Lloyd, and Dylan Smith for four years of Hawks basketball.

## Wednesday, Feb. 15

The senior girls' volleyball team played in the Kawartha qualifier where they came just short of making it to the Kawartha tournament.

## Thursday, Feb. 16

The varsity girls' hockey team travelled to Lindsay to take on the Wildcats from Weldon. Sam Tallman netted both goals and Jillian Mayhew and Connor Marsden had the combined shutout in the 2-0 win.

The boys' Red Hawks hockey team completed their undefeated regular season by downing the Adam Scott Lions 10-4. The team finished first in the 14-team Kawartha league with a record of 12 wins, zero losses. Goaltenders Andrew Elia and Zach Harrison, backed by solid defence from Greg Clements, Zach Boice, Tanner Hamilton, Andrew Murray, Chris Hall, Drake Montgomery, and Michael Nelson, finished the season with the best goals against average in the league. Brett Yake led all scorers with 20 goals and 17 assists.

The girls' Red Hawks curling team finished an exemplary curling season while demonstrating great sportsmanship.

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# Take in the 'optimistic light'

**Nancy Brownsberger**  
SIRCH Community Services

It is at this time of year that I find myself referring to the light in the mornings and evenings as "optimistic light". What I mean by this is that the light somehow changes within this window of seasonal shifts and it suddenly appears optimistic – of longer days, the potential for spring in the coming weeks. Usually there is a day that I notice the light and I feel myself buoyed by it - lifted up and carried forward out of the traditional winter slump that we often feel in February.

Reflecting on the idea of optimistic light I made a con-

nection between it and volunteerism here in Haliburton County. A bit of a leap I suppose, but hear me out. I have spoken about volunteerism, community building and how incredible it is to work and help others in this County. Each and every day I get the opportunity to work alongside many partner agencies like Point in Time, Community Care, VON, Access Centre, HHHS, HKPR Health Unit ... this list goes on and on. And within each of these agencies, whose mandate is to help their neighbours, there exists the volunteer. The quiet force that helps forward mandates. Volunteers who buoy up all they come in contact with through their wonderful spirit of giving.

According to some volunteers, being a light is just who they are:

• "I have met people who do everything they can in their own busy lives to help change the face of Haliburton County, my role is small but my heart is big"

• "I really do hope that I have brought some hope and awareness to others."

• "I realize how fortunate I am in my own life situation and also that I have the opportunity to contribute to others in some capacity."

So, when you take a moment to see the optimistic light on the horizon in the coming weeks, I hope that you take another second to realize just how our county is enriched by our wonderful volunteers and service agencies that truly wake up each day in hopes of changing someone else's life for the better.

## Free wigs, prostheses available for cancer patients

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

The Canadian Cancer Society does more than fund research, they provide transportation to appointments, information on the disease and free wigs and prostheses.

The society doesn't always get credit for the wide range of services it provides, local committee member Carol Stamp says, which limits patients' awareness of what is available to them.

"There's a lot more that the cancer society does for the community than just raise funds for research, but research is their prime focus. The majority of the funds go to research. This month, what we're trying to do is put the focus on one of the other things they do," she said in an interview.

One of those things is providing hats, wigs, pillows and prostheses for women undergoing cancer treatment through what the society calls a "comfort room."

Normally, the free items are provided through the Peterborough office, which serves Haliburton, but on Wednesday that room will be travelling to Minden to give locals easier access.

"You take [the product] home and use it and if at the end of your process you don't need it anymore, if it's still in good condition, they will take it back. It's available and it's

free. It's one other thing that cancer patients don't have to worry about," Stamp said.

The committee member knows how important having a head covering can be while undergoing chemotherapy.

In 2009, Stamp was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and spent about a year with very little hair on her head during treatment.

"You don't realize until it happens to you that when you don't have any hair, it makes your whole body cold. You can't get warm," she said.

During her course of chemo, Stamp wore coverings and hats made for her by friends and neighbours and said she didn't consider a wig because they were too pricey given the amount of time they would be used.

The wigs at the comfort room are free.

The cancer society will be setting up the room at Hyland Crest in Minden from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22. You can also access the service if you are in Peterborough. For more information, you can call the Peterborough

office at 1-800-463-0432; Stamp at 705-754-2168; or Elaine Anderson at 705-286-2898.

The local committee plans to continue raising awareness of all the services available through the Canadian Cancer Society throughout the year.

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# A musical Valentine's Day

## West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

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Carol Stamp and Alison Payne were interviewed on Canoe FM on Wednesday last week in their capacity as advocates for cancer patients. Their focus is to spread the word of the travelling comfort room, which lends out wigs, prostheses etc., at Hyland Crest (286-2898) on Feb. 22. See story on page 31 of this paper.

What a party on Feb. 18 at Maple Lake United Church! It began with Ev Stata's reading of one of her own poems, continued with three hymns sung by the audience to the accompaniment of Joyful Noise musicians Bas Bouthoorn, Carl Bignell, Jane Simons, Paul Irwin, Rev. Max Ward, Valerie Garland, Shirley Holmes, Jeanette Campbell and me, and moved on to uku-lele duets by Campbell and John Pugh, who also played harmonica solo and gave recitation. Kathleen and Earl played keyboard and mandolin and I joined them to present My Grandfather's Clock after Thea Patterson read how the song came to be written. Saxophone solos by Keith Burns were Melody of Love and How Great Thou Art. The group known as Simply Befuddled performed on violins and guitar and involved Paul Irwin, Beth Johns and Norris Turner. Two of my own favourite songs were sung

Perhaps Love and Today sung by Dianne Hagerman, who played guitar as well. The thoroughly delightful program drew to a close with the six men singing two sacred songs as well as Consider Yourself, which was especially well received by the audience. The packed church was invited to refreshments by John Patterson who did an admirable MC. This was the sixth annual Valentine's Day event for the church and it grows in popularity year by year.

Our sympathy goes to Ruby Curl and to the daughters Samantha and Maxine of Dana Curl who died in his home on the Irish Line last week. Service was held at Gordon Monk Funeral Home on Friday, Feb. 17.

Congratulations to Bill and Edna Burden on winning the Business Achievement Award for the West Guilford Shopping Centre. This is a source of pride for the Burdens and the whole staff.

For euchre: high scores - Maureen Laplante and Perry Morrison; low scores - Myra Marshall and Ed Muenzel; most lone hands - Ron Bain and Henk van Nood. The black and white specials went to Barbara Brownsberger, Colleen Davison, Ray Campbell, Ray Sisson and Gerald Hadley.

The historical society meets this Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the Maple Lake United Church with information about the site called Clark's Corners by Fred Gregory.



## COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

### NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

**AND FURTHER THAT** at its meeting to be held **Monday, March 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

- File No. H-063/11 & H-064/11  
Applicant: Martha FERGUSON  
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 1-4, Concessions 13 & 14, Geographic Township of Monmouth  
Nature of the Application: 2 New Lots
- File No. H-003/12  
Applicant: 1553120 ONTARIO INC.  
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Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
- File No. H-004/12  
Applicant: Dale & Rosaline MUMFORD  
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 16, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Harcourt  
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
- File No. H-005/12  
Applicant: David & Brenda STEVENSON  
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 7 & 8, Concession 8 & 9, Geographic Township of Dudley  
Nature of the Application: Right-of-Way

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2012

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## Haliburton Highlands Health Services

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### NOTICE

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2012-13 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who is a resident\* of, or who is employed or operates a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria County, or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

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# Thankful for lifesaving actions of firefighters

## Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

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First off there is a good news update. A few weeks ago the Echo reported the saving of a man's life by Highlands East firefighters on Jan. 27. Martin Miller was that unidentified 58-year-old man.

He had collapsed by the bank machine at the Wilberforce Scotiabank. His wife Barbara

Schofield reports that Martin is now home after three weeks under special medical care.

He spent time in a Toronto area hospital, some in intensive care, then in Haliburton for a brief time. Thankfully he is doing quite well with ongoing care.

In the midst of sorrow and loss, support by good friends makes such a difference. The people of St. Margaret's have suffered a great loss with the death of Elsie Lewis. Elsie had played the organ there for over 20 years. She had taken over when Sylvia Cameron retired

after 40 years of service. Understanding the situation, Bill Gliddon, Wayne Cooper and Eleanor Cooper generously volunteered to help out. They all had known Elsie and they too were saddened by her death. Glenda Burk was the worship leader and guest preacher on Feb. 19. The support of friends is greatly appreciated.

Fundraisers have played a tremendous part in the work carried on at our historic house, Ontario's first Red Cross Outpost Hospital and nursing station. The annual quilt raffle alone

has aided in its restoration, the staffing during summer months and the work on displaying the collection of artifacts. The quilt that will be raffled this year is now on the frames right at the Outpost. Volunteer quilters would be greatly appreciated. Call Hilda, Jill Lee, Flo Elliott or Joan Noble for times to help.

We hope everyone who could really enjoyed Family Day, our provincial winter holiday on Feb. 20. And did you wave the flag last week on Feb. 15? That was Flag Day.

## Coming Events

# Summer Is Right Around The Corner

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# community calendar

What's happening in the County

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to the  *Haliburton Highlands* Community Calendar link at: [www.haliburtonecho.ca](http://www.haliburtonecho.ca)

**Jan 15-March 4th The Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing (CADS)** will run a low cost Sunday programme for children and adults who have any form of disability, ie. physical, social, visible. Age is no problem. A pre-programme registration is required. Our 2012 programme begins at Sir Sams January 15th at 9:30am. and concluded by 3pm. or when the student shows signs of fatigue. Volunteers with average skiing ability are welcome to participate in the programme. For more information call Terry Maher 705-457-9604

**Feb 21, & 28 Yoga at the Library** with Linda Shadbolt from 4-5p, in the Howard Roberts Room Admission by donation to the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library

**Feb 18: Musical Variety Concert** at Maple Lake United Church at 7p.m. All Welcome Good will donation offerings Refreshments after

**Feb 21: St. Georges Anglican Church** 73rd Annual Pancake Supper 5-7pm at the Haliburton Legion Hall \$15 per family, \$5 per Adult. \$3.50 Children

**Feb 25: Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton, Youth Public Speaking Competition.** Parents, family and the public are invited to attend the annual Public Speaking Competition at the Legion Hall, commencing at 1.00 PM on Saturday February 25th 2012, when students from all grades will compete by making short presentations of their choice. This is an enjoyable experience for all. Please support our youth in Haliburton.

**Feb 26: Your local Minden Volunteer Fire Department** is hosting their 8th Annual Fundraising Family Ice Fishing Tournament on February 26th 2012 just off of Deep Bay Road, on Pigeon Lake. We would love your support. This tournament has been our main fundraiser so that we can purchase equipment and items we feel will assist us in our duties. We all thank-you for your generous support!!!!

• **Haliburton Highlands Hand Weavers & Spinners Guild** meet at the Zion United Church, Carnarvon on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm For more information call Marian Gillanders at 705-489-3574

• **TOASTMASTERS** meet at the Minden United Church Wednesdays at 7pm Everyone Welcome ages 18 – 80. What is TOASTMASTERS ? Visit [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org)

• **Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636** will be hosting a musical performance by The Kellett Family on Saturday, March 3 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.. The afternoon includes 'Open Mic' time for anyone that want to take the stage and there will be meat draws with tickets purchased at the event. The public is invited to join us at the intersection of Hwy #35 and County Road #21.

• **The Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636** is looking for volunteers to help out in the branch kitchen. If you can spare a few hours each week to help the Legion continue their support to the community and the membership please call the branch at 705-286-4541. It will be much appreciated.

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**Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.**

**NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area.** Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.



# Rotary Club of Haliburton to hold 26th annual Charity Auction

The Rotary auction will take place on Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Haliburton Curling Club.

Auction viewing starts at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Christoph Carl of Rhubarb followed by a silent auction and a raucous live auction featuring auctioneer Jim Nelson.

Tickets are available from any Rotarian or by calling 457-9335.



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Email – [abird@algonquinhighlands.ca](mailto:abird@algonquinhighlands.ca)  
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Executive members from left, Bob Brown, 1st Vice, Mary Dunne, President, Linda White, 2nd Vice, Ed Otto, chairman youth education committee and the students who won the Remembrance Day Contest. /Photo submitted

## Join us every week for Retro Sundays



**Legion br. 624**

Jan Simon PRO

Weekly Events Feb. 20 to Feb. 27		
Monday	Bid Euchre	7 p.m.
Wednesday	Darts	7:30 p.m.
Friday	Pool	1:30 p.m.
	Jam Session	7 p.m. – Everyone welcome to play and listen to great music
Saturday	Meat Draw	2 p.m.
Sunday	Pancake and sausage breakfast	– 8 to 11 a.m.

Retro Sunday – 1 to 6 p.m. – good old fashioned fun at retro prices. Free pool, some jamming and low '50s prices at the bar.

### Upcoming Events

Saturday, Feb. 25 – Ken McFarlane Ice Fishing Derby – Register at the Legion before close on Feb. 24 or at the Fishes Lunch Box before 10 a.m. on Feb. 25. Cost is \$15 per entrant – one fish per entry – weigh-in time 3 to 6 p.m. at the Legion. Lakes – Farquhar, Wilbermere, Miskwabi, Esson and Grace. MNR rules apply. Come and have a fun day fishing. You could be the winner. Cash prizes.

Retro Sundays – branch 624 has introduced Retro Sundays – fun at '50s prices every Sunday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. – Everyone welcome.

### Recent Events

The executive of the Legion presented certificates to the Grade 4 to 8 students at Wilberforce Elementary School on Feb. 16. These students participated in the Remembrance Day Black and White Poster, Colour Poster and Poem/Literary competition in both our zone and throughout District Command as well.

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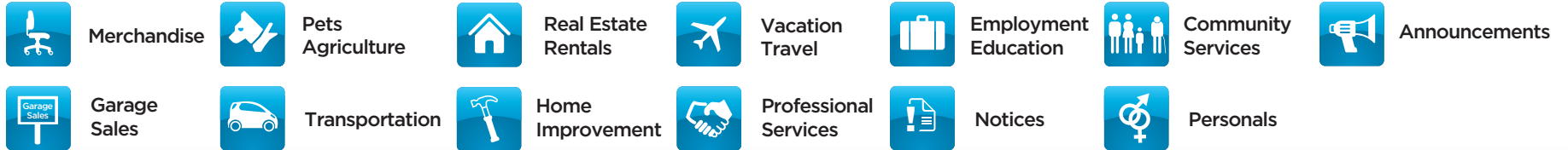
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## Coming Events A940

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## Deaths

**CURL, Dana Brent** - In loving memory. Passed away suddenly at home on the Irish Line on February 13, 2012, at the age of 52. Dear father of Samantha "Sam" and Maxine. Beloved son of Ruby and the late Don Curl (2007). Dear brother of Gene and his wife Marg of Uxbridge, Pamela and her husband Joe Domingos of Uxbridge and Wray of Pickering. Fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews; Tonya, Terra, J.J., Monica, John, Stephen, great nephew Riley, great niece Ella and by his friends. Friends are invited to visit the family for a Service to Celebrate Dana's Life at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden K0M 2K0 on Friday, February 17, 2012 at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the family centre at the funeral home. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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## Deaths

**HEWITT, Beaulah Ellen Jane (nee Cox)** - Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Sunday, February 12, 2012. In her 94th year. Beloved wife of the late Raymond. Dear mother of Elaine and Wayne Anderson (deceased), Opal (deceased) and Don Crowe, Moyer (deceased) and Pennay Hewitt, Joy and Don Kellett, Sterling (deceased), Valorie and Bryce Gilbert (deceased). Loving grandma of 13 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, 6 great great grandchildren. Dear sister of Denzil and predeceased by Lyman, Loyne, Herb, Loyas and Elwood. Fondly remembered by her brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden K0M 2K0 on Wednesday from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Then to the Minden United Church, Newcastle St., Minden for the Funeral Service on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 11:00 am. Reception followed at the church (downstairs). Spring Interment at the Minden Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Minden Hospital Building Fund or to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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## Card of thanks

I would like to express heartfelt thanks to everyone for their love and support since Nathan's passing. Your visits, phone calls, meals, thoughts & prayers continue to strengthen me. Special thanks to Barry Cray of Monks Funeral Home you were a blessing to our family.  
May God truly Bless you all  
~ Judy Chaulk

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## In memoriam

**HUNTER, Ronald G. Hunter** - In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather who passed away August 1963.

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## Deaths



### Darlene Fearrey

(Resident of Haliburton Lake, Ontario)

At her residence on Wednesday morning, February 15, 2012 in her 68th year. Beloved companion and friend of Craig Jackson. Loving mother of Brenda Anderson (Ken) of Lindsay. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Hope and David. Dear sister of Roseanne, Ron and Den. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews and her extended family. Darlene enjoyed the casino, knitting, fishing and her grandchildren.

### Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Darlene's life will be held at a later date. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services or the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.**

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## Deaths



### Doris Taran (nee Roberts)

(Resident of Lindsay, Ontario)

Peacefully at Ross Memorial Hospital Lindsay on Monday evening, February 13, 2012 in her 87th year. Beloved wife and best friend of Victor Taran for 65 years. Loving mother to Lynda (Kenn Shank) of Vankoughnet, Pamela (Ronald Schatochin) of Mississauga and Martyn of Bracebridge. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Kenn Jr., Kimberley, Joseph, and by her two great grandchildren Rob and Lily. Dear sister of Mabel (Gordon Everall), Jack (Betty-Ann), Carol (George Stephen) and Roy (Bonnie). Predeceased by her sisters Eileen, Faye and Myra. Lovingly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, and her extended family. Doris was fun loving, she loved country music and dancing.

### Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends were invited call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy #118 Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 (705)457-9209** on Friday, February 17, 2012 from 10 o'clock until time of funeral service in the chapel at 11 o'clock. Interment later at Evergreen Cemetery Haliburton, Ontario. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family.

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## In memoriam

**IN MEMORY OF KAREN O'CONNOR,**  
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Sadly missed.  
Bob, Susan, Stuart & family.

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**Karen O'Connor**  
who left us on February 20th 2011  
Always a smile, instead of a frown,  
Always a hand, when one was  
down;  
Always true, thoughtful and kind,  
Wonderful memories she left  
behind.  
~Love from the Family

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**Sandra Johnston**  
passed way Feb 22, 2009  
What would we give her hand  
to clasp,  
Her patient face to see,  
To hear her voice, to see her smile,  
As in the days that use to be.  
But some sweet day we'll meet again  
Beyond the toil and strife  
And clasp each others hand  
once more,  
In Heaven, that happy life.  
~Jack, Peg and Boys

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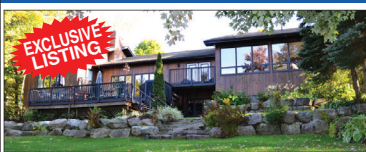
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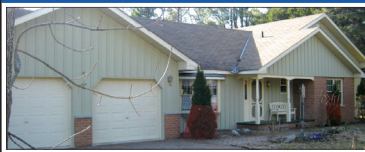
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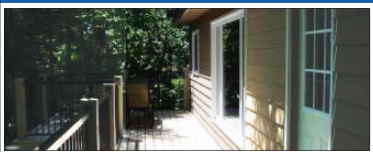
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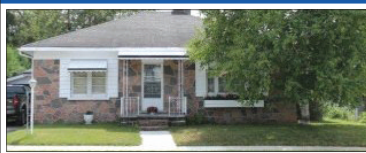
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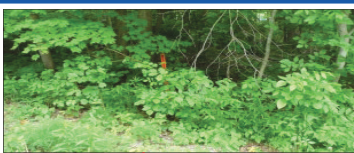
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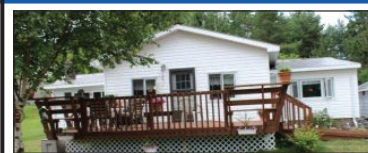
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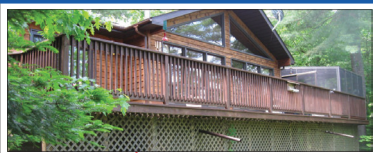
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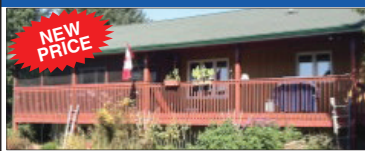
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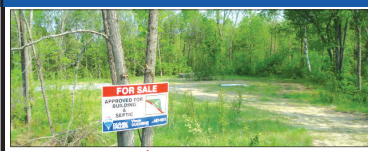
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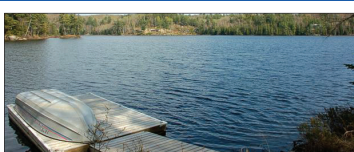
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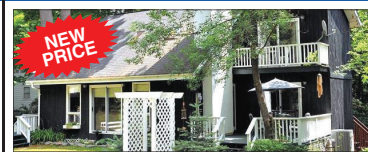
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